
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6408

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By Senate Committee on Agriculture (originally sponsored by Senators Brandland, Rasmussen, Regala, Spanel, Kline and Esser)

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1 AN ACT Relating to nonambulatory livestock; adding a new section to
2 chapter 16.52 RCW; prescribing penalties; and declaring an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 16.52 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) A person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor punishable as
7 provided in RCW 9A.20.021 if he or she knowingly transports or accepts
8 delivery of live nonambulatory livestock to, from, or between any
9 livestock market, feedlot, slaughtering facility, or other facility
10 that trades in livestock. The transport or acceptance of each
11 nonambulatory livestock animal is considered a separate and distinct
12 violation.

13 (2) Nonambulatory livestock must be humanely euthanized before
14 transport to, from, or between locations listed in subsection (1) of
15 this section.

16 (3) For the purposes of this section, "nonambulatory livestock"
17 means cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules, or other equine that
18 cannot rise from a recumbent position or cannot walk, including but not

1 limited to those with broken appendages, severed tendons or ligaments,
2 nerve paralysis, a fractured vertebral column, or metabolic conditions.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
4 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
5 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
6 immediately.

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