
SENATE BILL 6256

State of Washington

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By Senators Morton and Rasmussen

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to animal cruelty; and amending RCW 16.52.185.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 16.52.185 and 1994 c 261 s 22 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Nothing in this chapter applies to accepted husbandry practices
6 used in the commercial raising or slaughtering of livestock or poultry,
7 or products (~~(thereof or)~~); to the use of animals in the normal and
8 usual course of rodeo events; the humane, usual, and normal use of
9 horses in racing activities that are authorized under chapter 67.16 RCW
10 and that are subject to rules adopted by the Washington horse racing
11 commission under RCW 67.16.020; the humane, normal, and usual use of
12 animals for activities including, but not limited to, logging, riding,
13 showing, or driving; or to the customary humane use or exhibiting of
14 animals in normal and usual events at fairs as defined in RCW
15 15.76.120.

16 For the purposes of this section, "humane" means animal use that
17 would be characterized as kind, merciful, or compassionate by a

1 reasonably prudent animal owner using the animal under the same
2 conditions.

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