
SENATE BILL 5300

State of Washington

57th Legislature

2001 Regular Session

By Senators Patterson and Fairley

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1 AN ACT Relating to livestock; adding a new section to chapter 16.50
2 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

5 (1) All animals, including livestock, should be humanely treated;

6 (2) Injured livestock animals deserve to be restored to health or
7 have their suffering ended;

8 (3) Dragging, pushing, prodding, and improperly moving
9 nonambulatory animals can cause severe, and unnecessary, pain and
10 suffering;

11 (4) Abusive handling of nonambulatory, or downed, livestock is
12 needless and cruel;

13 (5) Animals so diseased or injured that they are nonambulatory
14 should be humanely dealt with; and

15 (6) Injured livestock feel pain and deserve protection from
16 cruelty.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 16.50 RCW
18 to read as follows:

1 Except to provide appropriate restorative veterinary care or to
2 protect human life, no person shall move nonambulatory livestock unless
3 the livestock's life has been terminated. No person shall terminate
4 the life of nonambulatory livestock except by a humane method.

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