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HOUSE BILL 2444

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1 AN ACT Relating to the disposal of dead animals; and amending RCW  
2 16.68.120 and 16.68.180.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 16.68.120 and 1949 c 100 s 13 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 Every licensee under this chapter shall comply with the following:

7 (1) Dead animals shall be placed in containers or vehicles which  
8 are constructed of or lined with impervious material, and which do not  
9 permit the escape of any liquid, and which are completely covered in  
10 such a way that the contents shall not be openly exposed to insects.

11 (2) All vehicles and containers used for transporting dead animals  
12 shall be properly cleaned and disinfected before leaving the premises  
13 of a rendering plant, substation or place of transfer.

14 (3) After original loading, dead animals shall not be moved from  
15 the transporting container or vehicle upon a public highway or in any  
16 other place, except at a licensed rendering plant, licensed substation,  
17 or licensed place of transfer.

18 (4) No containers and vehicles used for transporting dead animals

1 shall be used for the transporting of live animals except to a licensed  
2 rendering plant.

3 (5) All vehicles used to haul dead animals that have died of an  
4 infectious or contagious disease, shall proceed directly to the  
5 unloading point and shall not enter other premises until the vehicle  
6 has been properly cleaned and disinfected.

7 (6) The name of the rendering plant or independent collector shall  
8 be painted in letters at least four inches high on each side of every  
9 truck used for transporting dead animals.

10 (7) The skinning and dismembering of dead animals shall be done in  
11 the building where they are processed.

12 (8) Cooking vats or tanks shall be airtight except for proper  
13 escape for steam or vapor.

14 (9) Steam or vapor from cooking vats or tanks shall be so disposed  
15 of as not to be detrimental to public health or safety.

16 (10) Dead animals shall be processed within forty-eight hours after  
17 delivery to the rendering plant.

18 (11) No carcasses, parts thereof, or packing house refuse under  
19 process for marketing shall be permitted to come in contact with any  
20 part of the building or the equipment used in connection with the  
21 unloading, skinning, dismembering and grinding of carcasses or refuse  
22 as originally received at disposal plant.

23 **Sec. 2.** RCW 16.68.180 and 1949 c 100 s 18 are each amended to read  
24 as follows:

25 The violation of any provision of this chapter (~~(shall be)~~) is a  
26 misdemeanor and punishable subject to the penalties in RCW 9A.20.021.

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