

2802-S

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Brief Description: Establishing penalties for trading in nonambulatory livestock.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

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

Requires nonambulatory livestock to be humanely euthanized before transport to, from, or between locations listed in this provision.

Provides that livestock that was ambulatory prior to transport to a feedlot and becomes nonambulatory because of an injury sustained during transport may be unloaded and placed in a separate pen for rehabilitation at the feedlot.

Declares that, for the purposes of this act, "nonambulatory livestock" means cattle, sheep, swine, and goats and horses, mules, or other equine that cannot rise from a recumbent position or cannot walk, including but not limited to those with broken appendages, severed tendons or ligaments, nerve paralysis, fractured vertebral column, or metabolic conditions.