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1            AN ACT Relating to the disposal of animal carcasses; creating new  
2 sections; repealing RCW 16.68.020; and declaring an emergency.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there is a need  
5 for clear, consistent regulations and delineation of roles among  
6 agencies responsible for the routine disposal of animal carcasses. The  
7 legislature finds that conflicting and overlapping regulations as well  
8 as gaps between local, state, and federal authorities can create  
9 confusion and frustration for the agricultural industry and the general  
10 public. The legislature finds that the need for clarity has become  
11 even more compelling with the introduction of new federal rules  
12 requiring concentrated animal feeding operations to have carcass  
13 disposal plans in place by 2006. The legislature intends that the  
14 department of agriculture work cooperatively and immediately with  
15 appropriate agencies at the state, federal, and local level to clarify  
16 and make consistent the routine disposal of animal carcasses.

17            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** By August 30, 2005, the department of  
18 agriculture shall adopt emergency rules that govern all routine,

1 nonemergency animal carcass disposals in the state. The department  
2 shall develop these rules in collaboration with the state departments  
3 of health and ecology and other appropriate regulatory agencies at the  
4 state, local, and federal levels.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 16.68.020 (Duty to bury carcass of  
6 diseased animal--Dead animal presumed diseased) and 1949 c 100 s 2 are  
7 each repealed.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
9 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
10 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
11 immediately.

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