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By Representatives Pettigrew, Kretz and Linville; by request of Department of Agriculture

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1 AN ACT Relating to dead animal disposal; amending RCW 16.68.020;
2 adding a new section to chapter 16.36 RCW; and recodifying RCW
3 16.68.020.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 16.68.020 and 1949 c 100 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Every person owning or having in charge any ~~((animal))~~ livestock
8 that has died ~~((or been killed on account))~~ because of disease shall
9 ~~((immediately bury))~~ dispose of the carcass ~~((thereof to such a depth~~
10 ~~that no part of the carcass shall be nearer than three feet from the~~
11 ~~surface of the ground))~~ within a time frame and in a manner prescribed
12 in rule by the director, which may include, but is not limited to,
13 burial, composting, incinerating, landfilling, natural decomposition,
14 or rendering. Any ~~((animal))~~ livestock found dead ~~((shall be))~~ from an
15 unknown cause is presumed to have died ~~((from and on account))~~ because
16 of disease.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** RCW 16.68.020 is recodified as a section in
2 chapter 16.36 RCW.

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