
SENATE BILL 5974

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By Senators Morton, Hatfield, Swecker, Marr, and Shin

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1 AN ACT Relating to transporting or accepting delivery of live
2 nonambulatory livestock; amending RCW 16.36.116; and prescribing
3 penalties.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 16.36.116 and 2007 c 71 s 3 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) Any person found transporting animals on the public roads of
8 this state that are not accompanied by valid health certificates,
9 permits, or other documents as required by this chapter or its rules
10 has committed a class 1 civil infraction.

11 (2) Any person who knowingly transports or accepts delivery of live
12 nonambulatory livestock to, from, or between any livestock market,
13 feedlot, slaughtering facility, or similar facility that trades in
14 livestock has committed a civil infraction and shall be assessed a
15 monetary penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars. The transport or
16 acceptance of each nonambulatory livestock animal is considered a
17 separate and distinct violation. Livestock that was ambulatory prior
18 to transport to a feedlot and becomes nonambulatory because of an
19 injury sustained during transport may be unloaded and placed in a

1 separate pen for rehabilitation at the feedlot. For the purposes of
2 this section, "nonambulatory livestock" has the same meaning as in RCW
3 16.52.225.

4 (3) The director is authorized to issue notices of and enforce
5 civil infractions in the manner prescribed under chapter 7.80 RCW.

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