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AN ACT  
RELATING TO CRIMES; PROHIBITING INTRACARDIAC ADMINISTRATION  
OF EUTHANASIA ON A CONSCIOUS ANIMAL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 30, Article 18 NMSA  
1978 is enacted to read:

"INTRACARDIAC INJECTION PROHIBITED ON CONSCIOUS ANIMAL.--

A. It is unlawful for an employee or agent of an  
animal control service or facility, animal shelter or humane  
society to use intracardiac injection to administer  
euthanasia on a conscious animal if the animal could first be  
rendered unconscious in a humane manner.

B. A person who violates the provisions of  
Subsection A of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and  
shall be sentenced in accordance with the provisions of  
Section 31-19-1 NMSA 1978."