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SENATE BILL 67

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ANIMALS; PROHIBITING THE SLAUGHTER OF HORSES IN NEW MEXICO; PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION OR IMPORTATION OF HORSE MEAT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION; PROVIDING FOR LICENSE REVOCATION; PRESCRIBING CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

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

Section 1. A new section of The Livestock Code is enacted to read:

"NEW MATERIAL SLAUGHTER OF HORSES OR POSSESSION OR IMPORTATION OF HORSE MEAT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION UNLAWFUL-- PENALTIES-- EXCEPTION. --

A. It is unlawful for any person in New Mexico to slaughter a horse.

B. It is unlawful for any person in New Mexico to possess or import horse meat if that person knows or should

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1 know that any of the meat is intended for human consumption.

2 C. Any person who violates the provisions of
3 Subsection A or B of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor
4 and shall be punished by imprisonment for a definite term of
5 less than one year or the payment of a fine of not less than
6 five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more than ten thousand
7 dollars (\$10,000) or both such imprisonment and fine.

8 D. In addition to the criminal penalty provided for
9 in Subsection C of this section, any person who is licensed by
10 the board as a butcher, slaughterer or slaughtering
11 establishment; cold storage plant operator; or seller, dealer,
12 peddler, manufacturer or processor of fresh meat or meat
13 products who is found guilty of violating the provisions of
14 Subsection A or B of this section shall have his license
15 revoked.

16 E. Nothing in this section prohibits a horse from
17 being euthanized and then rendered for dog food or other
18 products that are not intended for human consumption. "

19 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the
20 provisions of this act is July 1, 2005.