



93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY
State of Illinois
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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 635/1.5 new	
225 ILCS 635/14	from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 253
410 ILCS 605/2.1	from Ch. 8, par. 107.1
510 ILCS 75/2	from Ch. 8, par. 229.52

Amends the Illinois Horse Meat Act. Provides that it is unlawful for any person to (i) slaughter a horse, (ii) possess, import into or export from the State, or sell, buy, give away, hold, or accept any horse meat, or (iii) possess, import into or export from the State, or sell, buy, give away, hold, or accept any horse with the intent of slaughtering that horse if that person knows or should know that any of the horse meat will be used for human consumption. Provides that any person who does so is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor. Amends the Animals Intended for Food Act and the Humane Slaughter of Livestock Act to make corresponding changes. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning livestock.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Horse Meat Act is amended by
5 adding Section 1.5 and changing Section 14 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 635/1.5 new)

7 Sec. 1.5. Meat for human consumption.

8 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it is
9 unlawful for any person to slaughter a horse if that person
10 knows or should know that any of the horse meat will be used
11 for human consumption.

12 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it is
13 unlawful for any person to possess, to import into or export
14 from this State, or to sell, buy, give away, hold, or accept
15 any horse with the intent of slaughtering that horse if that
16 person knows or should know that any of the horse meat will be
17 used for human consumption.

18 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it is
19 unlawful for any person to possess, to import into or export
20 from this State, or to sell, buy, give away, hold, or accept
21 any horse meat if that person knows or should know that the
22 horse meat will be used for human consumption.

23 (d) Any person who knowingly violates any of the provisions
24 of this Section is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

25 (225 ILCS 635/14) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 253)

26 Sec. 14. Horse meat labeled as such in hermetically sealed
27 containers and registered under the Illinois Commercial Feed
28 Act of 1961 is excluded from the provisions of this Act. Horse
29 meat prepared in federally inspected plants located in the
30 State of Illinois, for sale outside of the State of Illinois,
31 is excluded from the provisions, except for Section 1.5, of

1 this Act.

2 (Source: Laws 1967, p. 3891.)

3 Section 10. The Animals Intended for Food Act is amended
4 by changing Section 2.1 as follows:

5 (410 ILCS 605/2.1) (from Ch. 8, par. 107.1)

6 Sec. 2.1.

7 When in the interest of the general public and in the
8 opinion of the Department of Agriculture it is deemed
9 advisable, the Department has authority to quarantine or
10 restrict any and all animals intended for human consumption
11 that contain poisonous or deleterious substances which may
12 render meat or meat products or poultry or poultry products
13 from such animals or poultry injurious to health; except in
14 case the quantity of such substances in such animals does not
15 ordinarily render meat or meat products or poultry or poultry
16 products from such animals injurious to health.

17 The Department or its duly authorized agent shall
18 investigate or cause to be investigated all cases where it has
19 reason to believe that animals intended for human consumption
20 are contaminated with any poisonous or deleterious substance
21 which may render them unfit for human consumption.

22 The Department or its duly designated agent in performing
23 the duties vested in it under this Act is empowered to enter
24 any premises, barns, stables, sheds, or other places for the
25 purposes of administering this Act.

26 The Department may allow the sale or transfer of animals
27 under quarantine or restriction subject to reasonable rules and
28 regulations as may be prescribed.

29 For the purposes of this Act, the term "Animal" means
30 cattle, calves, sheep, swine, ~~horses, mules or other equidae,~~
31 goats, poultry and any other animal which can be or may be used
32 in and for meat or poultry or their products for human
33 consumption.

34 (Source: P.A. 77-2117.)

1 Section 15. The Humane Slaughter of Livestock Act is
2 amended by changing Section 2 as follows:

3 (510 ILCS 75/2) (from Ch. 8, par. 229.52)

4 Sec. 2. As used in this Act:

5 (1) "Director" means the Director of the Department of
6 Agriculture of the State of Illinois.

7 (2) "Person" means any individual, partnership,
8 corporation, or association doing business in this State, in
9 whole or in part.

10 (3) "Slaughterer" means any person regularly engaged in the
11 commercial slaughtering of livestock.

12 (4) "Livestock" means cattle, calves, sheep, swine,
13 horses, mules, goats, and any other animal which can or may be
14 used in and for the preparation of meat or meat products for
15 consumption by human beings or animals. "Livestock", however,
16 does not include horses, mules, or other equidae to be used in
17 and for the preparation of meat or meat products for
18 consumption by human beings, which is prohibited under Section
19 1.5 of the Illinois Horse Meat Act.

20 (5) "Packer" means any person engaged in the business of
21 slaughtering or manufacturing or otherwise preparing meat or
22 meat products for sale, either by such person or others; or of
23 manufacturing or preparing livestock products for sale by such
24 person or others.

25 (6) "Humane method" means either (a) a method whereby the
26 animal is rendered insensible to pain by gunshot or by
27 mechanical, electrical, chemical or other means that is rapid
28 and effective, before being shackled, hoisted, thrown, cast or
29 cut; or (b) a method in accordance with ritual requirements of
30 the Jewish faith or any other religious faith whereby the
31 animal suffers loss of consciousness by anemia of the brain
32 caused by the simultaneous and instantaneous severance of the
33 carotid arteries with a sharp instrument.

34 (Source: Laws 1967, p. 2023.)

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.