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Colorado Secretary of State

Proposed Initiative 2013-2014 #98
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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **add** section 17 to article XVIII as follows:

Section 17. Protection of and prevention of cruelty to livestock animals. (1) Use of accepted animal husbandry practice is not a negation. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, IT IS NOT A NEGATION TO THE ELEMENTS OF THE OFFENSES LISTED IN PART 2 OF ARTICLE 9 OF TITLE 18, C.R.S. THAT A LIVESTOCK OR COMPANION ANIMAL WAS TREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ACCEPTED ANIMAL HUSBANDRY PRACTICE.

(2) **Severability.** IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION OR THE APPLICATION THEREOF IS HELD INVALID, SUCH INVALIDITY DOES NOT AFFECT OTHER PROVISIONS OR APPLICATIONS OF THIS SECTION THAT CAN BE GIVEN EFFECT WITHOUT THE INVALID PROVISION OR APPLICATION, AND TO THIS END THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION ARE DECLARED TO BE SEVERABLE.

(3) **Effective date.** ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION ARE EFFECTIVE UPON OFFICIAL DECLARATION OF THE VOTE HEREON BY PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR, PURSUANT TO SECTION 1(4) OF ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO.

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