

Representative F. Jay Seegmiller proposes the following substitute bill:

ANIMAL EUTHANASIA STANDARDS

2010 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: F. Jay Seegmiller

Senate Sponsor: Patricia W. Jones

Cosponsors:
Jackie Biskupski

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires that if an animal shelter must euthanize an animal, the animal shelter shall euthanize, with certain exceptions, the animal by lethal injection and sets requirements for euthanization in a carbon monoxide chamber.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires that an animal shelter euthanize an animal, with certain exceptions, by lethal injection;
- ▶ sets requirements for euthanization in a carbon monoxide chamber; and
- ▶ makes technical corrections.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:



26 10-17-108, Utah Code Annotated 1953
27 17-42-108, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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29 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

30 Section 1. Section 10-17-108 is enacted to read:

31 **CHAPTER 17. MUNICIPAL ANIMAL SHELTER ACT**

32 **10-17-108. Euthanasia.**

33 (1) As used in this section, "animal" means any animal accepted by an animal shelter.

34 (2) If an animal shelter must euthanize an animal, the animal shelter shall euthanize the
35 animal by lethal injection, unless:

36 (a) the animal presents a danger to staff performing the euthanization; or

37 (b) a restraint required for lethal injection will cause undue stress on the animal.

38 (3) (a) If an animal is euthanized under Subsection (2)(a) or (b) in a carbon monoxide
39 chamber, and except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), the animal shelter may not euthanize
40 more than one animal at a time in the carbon monoxide chamber.

41 (b) An animal shelter may euthanize more than one animal at a time in a carbon
42 monoxide chamber if:

43 (i) the carbon monoxide chamber has multiple compartments or chambers designed to
44 hold one animal per compartment or chamber; and

45 (ii) no more than one animal is placed in each compartment or chamber.

46 (c) An animal shelter may not use a carbon monoxide chamber for animal
47 euthanization unless:

48 (i) the carbon monoxide used by the shelter is commercially compressed; and

49 (ii) the animal shelter has adopted safety guidelines for the use of carbon monoxide.

50 Section 2. Section 17-42-108 is enacted to read:

51 **CHAPTER 42. COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER ACT**

52 **17-42-108. Euthanasia.**

53 (1) As used in this section, "animal" means any animal accepted by an animal shelter.

54 (2) If an animal shelter must euthanize an animal, the animal shelter shall euthanize the
55 animal by lethal injection, unless:

56 (a) the animal presents a danger to staff performing the euthanization; or

57 (b) a restraint required for lethal injection will cause undue stress on the animal.

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60 more than one animal at a time in the carbon monoxide chamber.

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62 monoxide chamber if:

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64 hold one animal per compartment or chamber; and

65 (ii) no more than one animal is placed in each compartment or chamber.

66 (c) An animal shelter may not use a carbon monoxide chamber for animal
67 euthanization unless:

68 (i) the carbon monoxide used by the shelter is commercially compressed; and

69 (ii) the animal shelter has adopted safety guidelines for the use of carbon monoxide.

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Fiscal Note

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals or businesses. Local governments not using one of the prescribed methods of euthanasia could experience increased costs.
