

**DOMESTIC HORSE DISPOSAL**

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends Title 4, Chapter 31, Control of Animal Disease.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ allows the owner of certain dead animals to bury the dead animals on the owner's property.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**4-31-102**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 331

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

Section 1. Section **4-31-102** is amended to read:

**4-31-102. Dead domestic animals -- Duty of owner to bury or otherwise dispose of**

29 **them -- Liability for costs.**

30 (1) An owner or other person responsible for a domestic animal that dies shall bury or  
31 dispose of the animal within [~~two business days after the day on which~~] a reasonable period of  
32 time after the owner or other person responsible for the animal becomes aware that the animal  
33 is dead.

34 (2) The owner of a dead bovine, horse, mule, goat, sheep, or swine may bury the dead  
35 animal on the owner's property.

36 [~~(2)~~] (3) If the owner or other person responsible for the dead animal cannot be found,  
37 the county, city, or town within which the dead animal is found, shall, at the political  
38 subdivision's expense, bury the dead animal.

39 [~~(3)~~] (4) A county, city, or town that incurs expense under this section is entitled to  
40 reimbursement from the owner of the dead animal.