DOMESTIC HORSE DISPOSAL

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jacob L. Anderegg

Senate Sponsor: ____________

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;
› requires a study of, and report on, the disposal of dead domestic horses; and
› establishes a repeal date.

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
63I-2-204, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 369

ENACTS:

4-31-120, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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 them -- Liability for costs.

(1) An owner or other person responsible for a domestic animal that dies shall bury or dispose of the animal within two business days after the day on which the owner or other person responsible for the animal becomes aware that the animal is dead.

(2) The owner of a dead bovine, horse, mule, goat, sheep, or swine may bury up to two dead animals per acre per year on the owner's property.

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

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

(5) Burial or disposal of a dead domestic animal under this section is subject to rules that the Solid and Hazardous Waste Control Board may make under Section 19-6-105.

Section 2. Section 4-31-120 is enacted to read:

4-31-120. Study -- Disposal of dead horses.

The College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences at Utah State University shall:

(1) conduct a study of the disposal of dead domestic horses, including:

(a) whether domestic horse owners in the state have difficulty disposing of their dead domestic horses;

(b) the options for disposal in the state and how those options differ in different parts of the state;

(c) the potential economic cost and benefit of establishing dead horse processing or disposal facilities in the state; and

(d) the potential environmental impact of disposal on water quality and ways to mitigate that impact; and

(2) report the findings of the study required under Subsection (1), along with any recommended legislation, to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee by November 30, 2015.

Section 3. Section 631-2-204 is amended to read:
63I-2-204. Repeal dates -- Title 4.

Section 4-31-120 is repealed November 30, 2015.

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