

DEAD DOMESTIC ANIMAL DISPOSAL AMENDMENTS

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ralph Okerlund

House Sponsor: Derrin Owens

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to the disposal of dead domestic animals.

Highlighted Provisions:

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Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

4-31-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 29

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 a reasonable period of time after the owner or other person responsible for the animal becomes aware that the animal is dead.



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

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

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

Legislative Review Note
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