

LIVESTOCK HARASSMENT

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Scott H. Chew

Senate Sponsor: Don L. Ipson

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill prohibits the harassment of livestock.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ prohibits a person from intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly chasing or otherwise disturbing the peace of livestock through the use of:

- a motorized vehicle or all-terrain vehicle;
- a dog; or
- an unmanned aircraft system; and

▶ describes the penalties for violating the prohibition on harassment of livestock.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

76-9-308, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **76-9-308** is enacted to read:



28 76-9-308. Harassment of livestock.

29 (1) As used in this section:

30 (a) "Livestock" has the same meaning as that term is defined in Subsection
31 [76-9-301\(1\)](#).

32 (b) "Unmanned aircraft system" has the same meaning as that term is defined in
33 Subsection [63G-18-102\(5\)\(a\)](#).

34 (2) A person is guilty of harassment of livestock if the person intentionally, knowingly,
35 or recklessly chases or otherwise disturbs the peace of livestock through the use of:

36 (a) a motorized vehicle or all-terrain vehicle;

37 (b) a dog; or

38 (c) an unmanned aircraft system.

39 (3) A person who violates Subsection (2) is guilty of:

40 (a) a class B misdemeanor if:

41 (i) the violation is a first offense; and

42 (ii) no livestock is seriously injured or killed as a result of the person's actions; and

43 (b) a class A misdemeanor if:

44 (i) the person has previously been convicted of harassment of livestock under this
45 section;

46 (ii) livestock is seriously injured or killed as a result of the person's actions;

47 (iii) livestock or the livestock owner's property suffered damage in excess of \$1,000,
48 including money spent in recovering the livestock, as a result of the person's actions; or

49 (iv) the person's actions cause the livestock to be displaced onto property that is not
50 owned by the livestock's owner.