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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1615**

**99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE REIBOLDT.

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**AN ACT**

To repeal sections 578.005, 578.007, and 578.011, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to the offense of animal or livestock trespass, with penalty provisions.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 578.005, 578.007, and 578.011, RSMo, are repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 578.005, 578.007, and 578.040, to read as follows:

578.005. As used in sections 578.005 to 578.023, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Adequate care", normal and prudent attention to the needs of an animal, including wholesome food, clean water, shelter and health care as necessary to maintain good health in a specific species of animal;

~~(2) ["Adequate control", to reasonably restrain or govern an animal so that the animal does not injure itself, any person, any other animal, or property,~~

~~———(3)] "Animal", every living vertebrate except a human being;~~

**[(4)] (3)** "Animal shelter", a facility which is used to house or contain animals and which is owned, operated, or maintained by a duly incorporated humane society, animal welfare society, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, or other not-for-profit organization devoted to the welfare, protection, and humane treatment of animals;

~~[(5)] (4)~~ "Farm animal", an animal raised on a farm or ranch and used or intended for use in farm or ranch production, or as food or fiber;

~~[(6)] (5)~~ "Farm animal professional", any individual employed at a location where farm animals are harbored;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16           ~~[(7)]~~ (6) "Harbor", to feed or shelter an animal at the same location for three or more  
17 consecutive days;

18           ~~[(8)]~~ (7) "Humane killing", the destruction of an animal accomplished by a method  
19 approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association's Panel on Euthanasia (JAVMA 173:  
20 59-72, 1978); or more recent editions, but animals killed during the feeding of pet carnivores  
21 shall be considered humanely killed;

22           ~~[(9)]~~ (8) "Owner", in addition to its ordinary meaning, any person who keeps or harbors  
23 an animal or professes to be owning, keeping, or harboring an animal;

24           ~~[(10)]~~ (9) "Person", any individual, partnership, firm, joint stock company, corporation,  
25 association, trust, estate, or other legal entity;

26           ~~[(11)]~~ (10) "Pests", birds, rabbits, or rodents which damage property or have an adverse  
27 effect on the public health, but shall not include any endangered species listed by the United  
28 States Department of the Interior nor any endangered species listed in the Wildlife Code of  
29 Missouri.

                  578.007. The provisions of section 574.130, sections 578.005 to 578.023, **and section**  
2 **578.040** shall not apply to:

3           (1) Care or treatment performed by a licensed veterinarian within the provisions of  
4 chapter 340;

5           (2) Bona fide scientific experiments;

6           (3) Hunting, fishing, or trapping as allowed by chapter 252, including all practices and  
7 privileges as allowed under the Missouri Wildlife Code;

8           (4) Facilities and publicly funded zoological parks currently in compliance with the  
9 federal "Animal Welfare Act" as amended;

10           (5) Rodeo practices currently accepted by the Professional Rodeo Cowboy's Association;

11           (6) The killing of an animal by the owner thereof, the agent of such owner, or by a  
12 veterinarian at the request of the owner thereof;

13           (7) The lawful, humane killing of an animal by an animal control officer, the operator  
14 of an animal shelter, a veterinarian, or law enforcement or health official;

15           (8) With respect to farm animals, normal or accepted practices of animal husbandry;

16           (9) The killing of an animal by any person at any time if such animal is outside of the  
17 owned or rented property of the owner or custodian of such animal and the animal is injuring any  
18 person or farm animal but shall not include police or guard dogs while working;

19           (10) The killing of house or garden pests; or

20           (11) Field trials, training and hunting practices as accepted by the Professional  
21 Houndsmen of Missouri.

~~[578.011.]~~ **578.040. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:**

2           (1) "Adequate control", to reasonably restrain or govern an animal so that the  
3 animal does not injure itself, any person, any other animal, or property;

4           (2) "Animal", any living vertebrate except a human being or livestock as the term  
5 "livestock" is defined under section 265.300.

6           2. A person ~~[is guilty]~~ commits the offense of animal or livestock trespass if a person:

7           (1) Having ownership or custody of an animal knowingly fails to provide adequate  
8 control ~~[for a period equal to or exceeding twelve hours]~~ and the animal trespasses onto  
9 another person's property; or

10           (2) Having ownership or custody of livestock, as the term "livestock" is defined  
11 under section 265.300, knowingly fails to provide adequate control of the livestock for a  
12 period of twelve hours or more and the livestock trespasses onto another person's property.

13           ~~[2.]~~ 3. The offense of animal or livestock trespass is an infraction ~~[upon first conviction~~  
14 ~~and for each offense punishable by a fine not to exceed two hundred dollars, and]~~ , unless the  
15 person has previously been found guilty of a violation of this section in which case it is a  
16 class C misdemeanor ~~[punishable by imprisonment or a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars,~~  
17 ~~or both, upon the second and all subsequent convictions].~~ All fines for a first ~~[conviction of~~  
18 ~~animal trespass]~~ finding of guilt under this section may be waived by the court, provided that  
19 the person found guilty of animal or livestock trespass shows that adequate, permanent remedies  
20 for the trespass have been made. ~~[Reasonable costs incurred for the care and maintenance of~~  
21 ~~trespassing animals may not be waived.]~~ This section shall not apply to the provisions of section  
22 578.007 or sections 272.010 to 272.370.

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