

**LIVESTOCK BRANDING AMENDMENTS**

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Michael E. Noel**

Senate Sponsor: Ralph Okerlund

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill deals with the transportation and sale of livestock.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines the term "livestock emergency";
- ▶ states that in a livestock emergency, the commissioner may require that a person transporting livestock have the livestock brand inspected;
- ▶ states that a website created and maintained within the state that markets the sale of livestock shall include a statement about the legal requirements surrounding the sale and purchase of livestock;
- ▶ describes criminal and administrative penalties; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**4-24-16.3**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**4-24-31**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**4-24-32**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

REPEALS:

30 [4-24-16](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 1988, Chapter 139

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

33 Section 1. Section **4-24-16.3** is enacted to read:

34 **4-24-16.3. Livestock emergency.**

35 (1) As used in this section, "livestock emergency" means:

36 (a) the presence of a contagious, infectious, or transmissible disease risk to livestock;

37 or

38 (b) a natural disaster which may affect livestock.

39 (2) During a livestock emergency, the department may require a person transporting

40 livestock to present the livestock for brand inspection.

41 Section 2. Section **4-24-31** is enacted to read:

42 **4-24-31. Websites promoting the sale of livestock.**

43 (1) A website, created and maintained within the state, that markets the sale of  
44 livestock shall have the following statement clearly visible on each web page that displays  
45 advertised livestock: "Legality of Sales and Purchase, Health Laws. If you sell or purchase  
46 livestock on this site, you shall comply with all applicable legal requirements governing the  
47 transfer and shipment of livestock, including Utah Code Title 4, Chapter 24, Utah Livestock  
48 Brand and Anti-Theft Act, and Title 4, Chapter 31, Control of Animal Disease. Please contact  
49 the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food at 801-538-7137 with any questions."

50 (2) A person who violates this section shall be subject to the penalties described in  
51 Section [4-24-32](#).

52 Section 3. Section **4-24-32** is enacted to read:

53 **4-24-32. Penalties.**

54 A person who violates a provision of this chapter:

55 (1) is guilty of a class B misdemeanor; and

56 (2) may be subject to administrative fines, payable to the department, of up to \$1,000  
57 per violation.

58           Section 4. **Repealer.**

59           This bill repeals:

60           Section **4-24-16, Transportation of cattle and calves between brand inspection**

61 **districts -- Brand inspection required -- Exception -- No fee for reinspection --**

62 **Application for brand inspection -- Time and place of inspection -- Applicability to horses**

63 **and mules.**