

Representative Jacob L. Anderegg proposes the following substitute bill:

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



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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~~] a reasonable period of time.

(2) The owner of a dead bovine, horse, mule, goat, sheep, or swine may bury dead animals 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.

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) an estimate of:

(i) the total number of live domestic horses in the state;

(ii) the current number of live domestic horses that owners need to dispose of in the state; and

(iii) the projected number of domestic horses that will annually need to be disposed of in the state;

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

(d) the potential economic cost and benefit of establishing dead horse processing or

57 disposal facilities in the state; and

58 (e) the potential environmental impact of disposal on water quality and ways to

59 mitigate that impact; and

60 (2) report the findings of the study required under Subsection (1), along with any

61 recommended legislation, to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim

62 Committee by November 30, 2015.

63 Section 3. Section **63I-2-204** is amended to read:

64 **63I-2-204. Repeal dates -- Title 4.**

65 Section [4-31-120](#) is repealed November 30, 2015.