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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFINEMENT OF SPECIFIED**
102 **LIVESTOCK.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Requires that calves raised for veal and pregnant members of the porcine species be kept in a manner that permits such animals to stand up, lie down, and turn around without touching the sides of their enclosure. Extends this requirement to such animals until slaughter for calves raised for veal and until birth for pregnant members of the porcine species. Specifies penalties for violations. Sets dates by which such method of confinement shall be implemented. Makes a legislative declaration.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.

Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.

Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

SENATE
3rd Reading Unamended
March 19, 2008

SENATE
2nd Reading Unamended
March 18, 2008

Defines terms.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 hereby finds, determines, and declares that certain livestock confinement
4 practices should be addressed. As required by article 50.5 of title 35,
5 Colorado Revised Statutes, calves raised for veal and gestating sows
6 should be kept in a way that allows such animals to freely stand up, lie
7 down, and turn around without touching the sides of their enclosure.

8 (2) The general assembly further finds, determines, and declares
9 that the commissioner of agriculture is encouraged to establish a process
10 to consider questions arising in the future about livestock husbandry and
11 humane livestock production practices.

12 **SECTION 2.** Title 35, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY
13 THE ADDITION OF A NEW ARTICLE to read:

14 **ARTICLE 50.5**

15 **Confinement of Calves Raised for**
16 **Veal and Pregnant Sows**

17 **35-50.5-101. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE
18 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

19 (1) "CALF RAISED FOR VEAL" MEANS A MEMBER OF THE BOVINE
20 SPECIES KEPT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRODUCING THE FOOD PRODUCT
21 KNOWN AS VEAL.

22 (2) "FARROWING" MEANS THE PROCESS OF A GESTATING SOW
23 GIVING BIRTH TO OFFSPRING.

24 (3) "FARROWING UNIT" MEANS A STRUCTURE IN WHICH A SINGLE
25 GESTATING SOW IS KEPT IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO AND DURING FARROWING

1 FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING CARE TO THE SOW AND THE SOW'S
2 OFFSPRING.

3 (4) "GESTATING SOW" MEANS A CONFIRMED PREGNANT MEMBER
4 OF THE PORCINE SPECIES.

5 (5) "PERSON" SHALL HAVE THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION
6 2-4-401, C.R.S.

7 **35-50.5-102. Confinement of calves raised for veal and**
8 **pregnant sows - exceptions - penalty.** (1) NO PERSON SHALL CONFINE
9 A CALF RAISED FOR VEAL OR GESTATING SOW IN ANY MANNER OTHER
10 THAN THE FOLLOWING:

11 (a) A CALF RAISED FOR VEAL SHALL BE KEPT IN A MANNER THAT
12 ALLOWS THE CALF TO STAND UP, LIE DOWN, AND TURN AROUND WITHOUT
13 TOUCHING THE SIDES OF ITS ENCLOSURE.

14 (b) A GESTATING SOW SHALL BE KEPT IN A MANNER THAT ALLOWS
15 THE SOW TO STAND UP, LIE DOWN, AND TURN AROUND WITHOUT TOUCHING
16 THE SIDES OF ITS ENCLOSURE UNTIL NO EARLIER THAN TWELVE DAYS PRIOR
17 TO THE EXPECTED DATE OF FARROWING. AT THAT TIME, A GESTATING SOW
18 MAY BE KEPT IN A FARROWING UNIT.

19 (2) THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY DURING THE FOLLOWING:

20 (a) PERIODS OF SCIENTIFIC OR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH;

21 (b) EXAMINATION, TESTING, OR INDIVIDUAL VETERINARY
22 TREATMENT;

23 (c) TRANSPORTATION;

24 (d) EXHIBITIONS AT RODEOS, FAIRS, OR YOUTH PROGRAMS; OR

25 (e) SLAUGHTER PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 33 OF THIS TITLE AND
26 RULES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 33 OF THIS TITLE.

27 (3) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION

1 COMMITTS A CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR AND SHALL BE PUNISHED AS PROVIDED
2 IN SECTION 18-1.3-501, C.R.S.

3 **35-50.5-103. Applicability.** (1) THIS ARTICLE SHALL APPLY TO:

4 (a) CALVES RAISED FOR VEAL, ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2012;

5 AND

6 (b) GESTATING SOWS, ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2018.

7 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
8 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
9 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.