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Section 1221 - Infected or Diseased Domestic Animals

Any person who shall suffer to run at large, or who shall keep in any place where other animals can have access to or become infected by them, any horse, mare, mule, ass, ox, bull, cow, sheep or other domestic animals owned by him, or in his care or possession, and known by him, or good reason to believe such animal to be infected by glanders, farcy, or Texas mange or other infectious or contagious disease, or who shall bring into this state any diseased cattle, shall be punished upon conviction of the same, by imprisonment in the county jail not more than one (1) year or by fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

Section 1222 - Duty to Dispose of Domestic Animals Dying of a Contagious or Infectious Disease

It shall be the duty of the owner of any domestic animal in the State of Oklahoma, which may hereafter die of any contagious or infectious disease, either to burn the carcass thereof or bury the same within twenty-four (24) hours after he has notice or knowledge of such fact so that no part of such carcass shall be nearer than two and one-half (2 1/2) feet of the surface of the soil: Provided, That all hogs dying of any disease shall be burned. It shall further be unlawful to bury any such carcass as mentioned in this section in any land along any stream or ravine, where it is liable to become exposed through erosion of the soil, or where such land is any time subject to overflow. "Owner", as used in this section, shall mean and include any person having domestic animals in his possession, either by reason of ownership, rent, hire, loan, or otherwise, and shall be subject to all the pains and penalties of this article.

Section 1223 - Leaving Carcass in Certain Places

It shall be unlawful for any person to leave or deposit, or cause to be deposited or left the carcass of any animal, chicken or other fowl, whether the same shall have died from disease or otherwise, in any well, spring, pond or stream of water; or leave or deposit the same within one-fourth (1/4) mile of any occupied dwelling or of any public highway, without burying the same as provided in the preceding section of this act.

Section 1224 - Penalty

Every person who violates the two preceding sections, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 1225 - Unclean Slaughterhouses - Nuisance

If any owner or occupier of any slaughterhouses, or any premises where hogs, beeves or other animals are slaughtered, shall permit the same to remain unclean, to the annoyance of the citizens of this state, or any of them, every person so offending shall be fined upon conviction for every such offense in any sum not less than five nor more than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), and if said nuisance be not removed within five (5) days thereafter, it shall be deemed a second offense against the provisions of this section.

Section 1226 - Penalty for Selling or Buying Infected Carcasses

If any person shall barter, sell or dispose of the carcass of any swine or other domestic animals infected with cholera or other infectious diseases at the time of death to any person for the purpose of manufacturing the same into lard, soap or for any other purpose, or if any person shall buy or otherwise obtain the carcass of any swine or other domestic animals infected with cholera or other infectious diseases at the time of death for manufacturing purposes as aforesaid or any other purpose except that of burial or burning he shall be fined in any sum not to exceed Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars or be imprisoned in the county jail not more than thirty (30) days.

Section 1227 - Unlawful Disposition, Sale or Transportation of Infected Swine

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or otherwise dispose of any live swine that is infected with cholera or any other contagious diseases or to drive any such swine on the public highways, after any such person or persons have received knowledge of any such contagious diseases.

Section 1228 - Penalty

Any person violating the provisions of the preceding section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), or be imprisoned in the county jail not more than thirty (30) days.

Section 1229 - Unlawful Injecting Drugs or Chemicals into Livestock - Exceptions - Penalty

For livestock utilized for exhibition purposes, it shall be unlawful for any person to inject into the livestock or cause the livestock to ingest any drug, chemical or substance that is not labeled for use on animals, or to administer any chemical or substance used on livestock for the specific purpose of altering the appearance of livestock or to alter the muscle or fat content of the animal's carcass or to perform any surgical procedure to alter the appearance of the livestock. Ordinary and customary veterinarian procedures, including but not limited to dehorning, branding, tagging or notching ears, castrating, deworming, vaccinating or docking the tail of farm animals shall not be prohibited. Surgery of any kind performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body or hide, shall be prohibited by this section. Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor, upon conviction, punishable by a fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), nor more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one (1) year, or by both such fine and imprisonment. A second or subsequent violation of the provisions of this section shall be a felony, upon conviction, punishable by a fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), nor more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or by imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for a term not less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.