

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 576

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SHIELDS.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 578, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the offense of interference with the transportation of livestock, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Chapter 578, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 578.156, to read as follows:

578.156. 1. A person commits the offense of interference with the transportation of livestock if the person knowingly does any of the following:

(1) Stops, hinders, impedes, boards, obstructs, or otherwise interferes with a motor vehicle transporting livestock regardless of whether the motor vehicle is moving;

(2) Provokes or disturbs livestock when the livestock is confined in a motor vehicle regardless of whether the motor vehicle is moving; or

(3) Puts or places a compound or substance on, near, or upon such livestock that would:

(a) Affect the livestock's marketability or suitability for use;

(b) Affect animal or human health; or

(c) Result in an unreasonable transportation or shipping delay.

2. The offense of interference with the transportation of livestock is a class E felony for a first offense and a class C felony for any second or subsequent offense.

3. In a prosecution alleging that a person committed the offense of interference with the transportation of livestock under subsection 1 of this section, the person may assert an affirmative defense of consent. The person shall prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the person was acting with the consent of any of the following:

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.

- 18 **(1) A person having real or apparent authority to transport the livestock; or**
19 **(2) The owner of the livestock or any other person having real or apparent**
20 **authority to possess or control the livestock.**
- 21 **4. As used in this section, the following terms mean:**
- 22 **(1) "Livestock", as defined under section 265.300;**
23 **(2) "Motor vehicle", any self-propelled vehicle not operated exclusively upon**
24 **tracks and an item attached to the motor vehicle. "Motor vehicle" shall not include**
25 **farm tractors and electric bicycles.**

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