

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# SENATE BILL NO. 666

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

## 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  
2 one new section, to be known as section 578.156, to read as  
3 follows:

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

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

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

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

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

14 (b) Affect animal or human health; or

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

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

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

26           (1) A person having real or apparent authority to  
27 transport the livestock; or

28           (2) The owner of the livestock or any other person  
29 having real or apparent authority to possess or control the  
30 livestock.

31           4. The provisions of this section shall not apply to  
32 any enforcement action or services provided by a law  
33 enforcement officer or agency.

34           5. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

35           (1) "Livestock", as defined under section 265.300;

36           (2) "Motor vehicle", any self-propelled vehicle not  
37 operated exclusively upon tracks and an item attached to the  
38 motor vehicle. "Motor vehicle" shall not include farm  
39 tractors and electric bicycles.

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