

1 AN ACT concerning livestock.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Horse Meat Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 1.5 and changing Section 14 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 635/1.5 new)

7 Sec. 1.5. Meat for human consumption.

8 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it is  
9 unlawful for any person to slaughter a horse if that person  
10 knows or should know that any of the horse meat will be used  
11 for human consumption.

12 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it is  
13 unlawful for any person to possess, to import into or export  
14 from this State, or to sell, buy, give away, hold, or accept  
15 any horse with the intent of slaughtering that horse if that  
16 person knows or should know that any of the horse meat will  
17 be used for human consumption.

18 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it is  
19 unlawful for any person to possess, to import into or export  
20 from this State, or to sell, buy, give away, hold, or accept  
21 any horse meat if that person knows or should know that the  
22 horse meat will be used for human consumption.

23 (225 ILCS 635/14) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 253)

24 Sec. 14. Horse meat labeled as such in hermetically  
25 sealed containers and registered under the Illinois  
26 Commercial Feed Act of 1961 is excluded from the provisions  
27 of this Act. Horse meat prepared in federally inspected  
28 plants located in the State of Illinois, for sale outside of  
29 the State of Illinois, is excluded from the provisions,  
30 except for Section 1.5, of this Act.

1 (Source: Laws 1967, p. 3891.)

2 Section 10. The Animals Intended for Food Act is amended  
3 by changing Section 2.1 as follows:

4 (410 ILCS 605/2.1) (from Ch. 8, par. 107.1)

5 Sec. 2.1.

6 When in the interest of the general public and in the  
7 opinion of the Department of Agriculture it is deemed  
8 advisable, the Department has authority to quarantine or  
9 restrict any and all animals intended for human consumption  
10 that contain poisonous or deleterious substances which may  
11 render meat or meat products or poultry or poultry products  
12 from such animals or poultry injurious to health; except in  
13 case the quantity of such substances in such animals does not  
14 ordinarily render meat or meat products or poultry or poultry  
15 products from such animals injurious to health.

16 The Department or its duly authorized agent shall  
17 investigate or cause to be investigated all cases where it  
18 has reason to believe that animals intended for human  
19 consumption are contaminated with any poisonous or  
20 deleterious substance which may render them unfit for human  
21 consumption.

22 The Department or its duly designated agent in performing  
23 the duties vested in it under this Act is empowered to enter  
24 any premises, barns, stables, sheds, or other places for the  
25 purposes of administering this Act.

26 The Department may allow the sale or transfer of animals  
27 under quarantine or restriction subject to reasonable rules  
28 and regulations as may be prescribed.

29 For the purposes of this Act, the term "Animal" means  
30 cattle, calves, sheep, swine, horses, ~~mules or other equidae,~~  
31 goats, poultry and any other animal which can be or may be  
32 used in and for meat or poultry or their products for human

1 consumption.

2 (Source: P.A. 77-2117.)

3 Section 15. The Humane Slaughter of Livestock Act is  
4 amended by changing Section 2 as follows:

5 (510 ILCS 75/2) (from Ch. 8, par. 229.52)

6 Sec. 2. As used in this Act:

7 (1) "Director" means the Director of the Department of  
8 Agriculture of the State of Illinois.

9 (2) "Person" means any individual, partnership,  
10 corporation, or association doing business in this State, in  
11 whole or in part.

12 (3) "Slaughterer" means any person regularly engaged in  
13 the commercial slaughtering of livestock.

14 (4) "Livestock" means cattle, calves, sheep, swine,  
15 horses, mules, goats, and any other animal which can or may  
16 be used in and for the preparation of meat or meat products  
17 for consumption by human beings or animals. "Livestock",  
18 however, does not include horses, mules, or other equidae to  
19 be used in and for the preparation of meat or meat products  
20 for consumption by human beings, which is prohibited under  
21 Section 1.5 of the Illinois Horse Meat Act.

22 (5) "Packer" means any person engaged in the business of  
23 slaughtering or manufacturing or otherwise preparing meat or  
24 meat products for sale, either by such person or others; or  
25 of manufacturing or preparing livestock products for sale by  
26 such person or others.

27 (6) "Humane method" means either (a) a method whereby  
28 the animal is rendered insensible to pain by gunshot or by  
29 mechanical, electrical, chemical or other means that is rapid  
30 and effective, before being shackled, hoisted, thrown, cast  
31 or cut; or (b) a method in accordance with ritual  
32 requirements of the Jewish faith or any other religious faith

1     whereby the animal suffers loss of consciousness by anemia of  
2     the brain caused by the simultaneous and instantaneous  
3     severance of the carotid arteries with a sharp instrument.

4     (Source: Laws 1967, p. 2023.)

5             Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
6     becoming law.