

CHAPTER 345

AGRICULTURE

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AN ACT**CONCERNING REQUIRING PET CARE FACILITIES TO PROVIDE NOTIFICATION OF AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE OUTBREAK.**

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-80-108, **amend** (2) introductory portion, (2)(f), and (2)(g); and **add** (2)(h) as follows:

35-80-108. Unlawful acts - short title - disclosure requirement - definition.
(2) It is unlawful and a violation of this ~~article~~ **ARTICLE 80** for any person operating a pet animal facility:

(f) To make any misrepresentation or false promise through advertisements, employees, agents, or otherwise in connection with the business operations licensed pursuant to this ~~article~~ **ARTICLE 80** or for which an application for a license is pending; ~~and~~

(g) To fail to take reasonable care to release for sale, trade, or adoption only those pet animals that are free of undisclosed disease, injury, or abnormality; **AND**

(h) **(I) WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AFTER RECEIVING NOTIFICATION FROM A LICENSED VETERINARIAN OR A PET ANIMAL OWNER, IF THE PET ANIMAL OWNER PROVIDES DOCUMENTATION FROM A LICENSED VETERINARIAN OR OTHER PROOF OF TREATMENT, OF AN OUTBREAK OF AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE AT THE PET ANIMAL FACILITY, TO FAIL TO MAKE EVERY REASONABLE ATTEMPT TO NOTIFY ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO OWN A PET ANIMAL THAT IS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE PET ANIMAL FACILITY OR WHO USED THE PET ANIMAL FACILITY DURING THE REPORTED**

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OUTBREAK AND INCUBATION PERIOD. THE PET ANIMAL FACILITY SHALL PROVIDE NOTIFICATION OF THE OUTBREAK BY:

(A) POSTING NOTICE IN A CONSPICUOUS LOCATION ON THE PET ANIMAL FACILITY PREMISES; OR

(B) POSTING NOTICE ON THE PET ANIMAL FACILITY'S WEBSITE, IF ONE EXISTS; OR

(C) DIRECTLY CONTACTING A PET ANIMAL OWNER THROUGH ANY MEANS AVAILABLE.

(II) A PET ANIMAL FACILITY SHALL DISCLOSE INFORMATION REGARDING ANY OUTBREAK OF AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE THAT OCCURRED AT THE PET ANIMAL FACILITY WITHIN THE PAST YEAR TO ANY PET ANIMAL OWNER WHO REQUESTS SUCH INFORMATION.

(III) THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS SUBSECTION (2)(h) IS THE "CLINTON PET ANIMAL NOTIFICATION ACT".

(IV) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2)(h), "PET ANIMAL FACILITY" MEANS A PET CARE FACILITY LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 80 THAT IS USED IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR THE PURPOSE OF PET ANIMAL DAY CARE OR BOARDING, GROOMING, OR TRAINING PET ANIMALS.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

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