

CHAPTER 290

**AGRICULTURE**

**HOUSE BILL 01-1378**

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**AN ACT**

CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF LIVESTOCK DISEASE IN COLORADO.

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

**SECTION 1.** 35-50-101, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**35-50-101. Veterinarian - inspectors - stock diseases.** Subject to section 13 of article XII of the state constitution, the department of agriculture is authorized to appoint a licensed doctor of veterinary medicine as state veterinarian, who will be an authorized representative of the department, which officer shall have such title as the department may prescribe, and said officer shall be under the supervision of the animal industry division of the department of agriculture. The department is further authorized to appoint or employ competent ~~men~~ PERSONS to investigate the sanitary conditions, the infectious diseases, and the contagious diseases THREATENING OR existing among livestock as defined in section 35-1-102 and to supervise the PREVENTION, control, or eradication of those diseases. The state agricultural commission is authorized to issue such orders and to promulgate such rules ~~and regulations~~ as it may deem necessary for specific diseases for any species of livestock under the provisions of this article, subject to the provisions of article 4 of title 24, C.R.S.

**SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: June 5, 2001

*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*