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HOUSE BILL 25-1180

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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Bright and Roberts,

House Committees
Business Affairs & Labor

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING PROHIBITING CERTAIN TRANSFERS OF PET ANIMALS IN
102 PUBLIC SPACES.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill prohibits a person or entity from selling, delivering, offering or advertising for sale or adoption, bartering, auctioning, giving away, leasing, or otherwise transferring any pet animal at or on any public street, highway, right-of-way, parkway, median strip, park, recreation area, outdoor market, parking lot, or other public space. Pet animal facilities licensed under the "Pet Animal Care and Facilities Act" are

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exempted from the prohibition, as well as events held primarily for the sale of livestock.

An individual or entity that violates the prohibition commits a class 2 misdemeanor.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-80-108, **amend**
3 (1) introductory portion, (1)(m), and (1)(n); and **add** (1)(o) as follows:

4 **35-80-108. Unlawful acts - short title - disclosure requirement**
5 **- definition.** (1) Unless otherwise authorized by law, it is unlawful and
6 a violation of this article 80 for ~~any person~~ AN INDIVIDUAL or entity:

7 (m) To alter or falsify ~~any~~ A certificate of veterinary inspection or
8 ~~any~~ other certificate of veterinary health; ~~and~~

9 (n) To import or cause to be imported ~~any~~ A dog or cat for the
10 purpose of sale by a pet animal facility, unless the dog or cat has a
11 certificate of veterinary health and, if the dog or cat is over six months
12 old, proof of a rabies vaccination; OR

13 (o) (I) TO SELL, DELIVER, OFFER OR ADVERTISE FOR SALE OR
14 ADOPTION, BARTER, AUCTION, GIVE AWAY, LEASE, OR OTHERWISE
15 TRANSFER A PET ANIMAL AT OR ON ANY PUBLIC STREET, HIGHWAY,
16 RIGHT-OF-WAY, PARKWAY, MEDIAN STRIP, PARK, RECREATION AREA,
17 OUTDOOR MARKET, PARKING LOT, OR OTHER PUBLIC SPACE.

18 (II) SUBSECTION (1)(o)(I) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

19 (A) A PET ANIMAL FACILITY LICENSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 80; OR

20 (B) AN EVENT HELD PRIMARILY FOR THE SALE OF LIVESTOCK.

21 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 35-80-114 as
22 follows:

23 **35-80-114. Criminal penalties.** ~~Any~~ A person ~~who~~ THAT violates

1 ~~the provisions of section 35-80-108 (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(c), (1)(f), or (1)(m),~~
2 OR (1)(o)(I) commits a class 2 misdemeanor and shall be punished as
3 provided in section 18-1.3-501. ~~C.R.S.~~

4 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
5 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
6 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
7 general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant
8 to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an
9 item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,
10 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the
11 general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take
12 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the
13 governor.

14 (2) This act applies to violations occurring on or after the
15 applicable effective date of this act.