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§3972. Unlawful use of animals

1. Unlawful use of animals. It is unlawful for any person to:

A. Sell, display, raffle, give away or offer for sale within the State any live animals that have been dyed or otherwise artificially colored; [1997, c. 690, §39 (AMD).]

B. Sell, display, raffle, give away or offer for sale to the public any live fowl, turtles or rabbits under 8 weeks of age in lots of less than 6; [1987, c. 383, §3 (NEW).]

C. Use any live animal as a premium, fund-raising device, prize or award or use any live animal in a raffle, contest, game or promotion except as authorized by law or rule; [1997, c. 690, §39 (AMD).]

D. Use any live animal as bait in any racing contest or in the training of animals for racing contests; [1995, c. 144, §1 (AMD).]

E. Tie, tether or restrain any animal in a manner that is inhumane or detrimental to its welfare; [2015, c. 223, §12 (AMD).]

F. Intentionally cause an equine to fall or lose its balance by any means whatsoever. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "equine" means, but is not limited to, a horse, mare, pony, ass, donkey, burro, mule or hinny. This paragraph does not apply to the lawful laying down of an equine for medical or identification purposes; or [2015, c. 223, §13 (AMD).]

G. Abandon, dump or dispose of any deceased domesticated animal on public property or on private property without the permission of the property owner. [2015, c. 223, §14 (NEW).]

[2015, c. 223, §§12-14 (AMD) .]

2. Violation. . Any person who makes unlawful use of animals contrary to this section commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture not to exceed \$100 may be adjudged. For the purposes of this section, "animal" does not include lobsters or shellfish.

[1989, c. 342, §2 (AMD) .]



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organizations licensed under Title 17, section 1837, subsection 3 for fund-raising purposes. For the purposes of this section, "charitable organization" has the same meaning as defined in Title 9, section 5003, subsection 1. Proceeds from a raffle under this subsection must be used for charitable purposes.

The animal must be awarded in freezer-ready form.

[2009, c. 487, Pt. B, §1 (AMD) .]

SECTION HISTORY

1987, c. 383, §3 (NEW). 1989, c. 154, §1 (AMD). 1989, c. 342, §2 (AMD). 1995, c. 144, §§1,2 (AMD). 1997, c. 690, §§39-41 (AMD). 2009, c. 487, Pt. B, §1 (AMD). 2015, c. 223, §§12-14 (AMD).

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