

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

January 12, 2021

Introduced by Sens. TEDISCO, ADDABBO, SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to prohibiting the slaughtering of horses for human consumption

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new section 382 to read as follows:

§ 382. Prohibition of slaughtering horses for human consumption. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it shall be unlawful for any person to slaughter or have another person slaughter a horse where such person knows or should know that any part of such horse will be used for human consumption.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer to sell or barter, give away, purchase, possess, transport, deliver, or receive any horse with the intent of slaughtering or having another person slaughter such horse if such person knows or should know that any of the horseflesh is intended for human consumption.

3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it shall be unlawful for any person to sell at retail, barter, offer to sell at retail or barter, give away, or purchase at retail, if such person knows or should know that any of the horseflesh will be used for human consumption.

4. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess horseflesh with the intent to sell such horseflesh at retail for the purpose of human consumption.

5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it shall be unlawful for any person to import into or export from this state, live horses where such person knows or should know that such horse is intended for slaughter for human consumption.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1     6. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it shall be unlawful  
2 for any person to import into or export from this state, horseflesh  
3 where such person knows or should know that such horseflesh is intended  
4 for human consumption.

5     7. As used in this section, the term "horse" includes all members of  
6 the equine family, including horses, ponies, donkeys, mules, asses and  
7 burros; and the term "horseflesh" means the flesh of a dead horse,  
8 including the animal's viscera, skin, hair, hide, hooves, and bones; the  
9 term "person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, trust,  
10 association or other legal entity.

11     8. A violation of this section is a misdemeanor punishable by impri-  
12 sonment for not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than one  
13 thousand dollars, or by both. In lieu of criminal prosecution, a  
14 violation of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty of up to  
15 one thousand dollars for an individual and up to five thousand dollars  
16 for a corporation for the first violation. Any subsequent violation  
17 shall be punishable by a civil penalty of up to twenty-five thousand  
18 dollars.

19     9. Any civil penalties collected pursuant to this section of law shall  
20 be payable to the animal population control fund established pursuant to  
21 section ninety-seven-xx of the state finance law.

22     10. The provisions of this section are in addition to, and not in lieu  
23 of, any other laws protecting animal welfare. This section may not be  
24 construed to limit any state law or rules protecting the welfare of  
25 animals or to prevent a local governing body from adopting and enforcing  
26 its own animal welfare laws and regulations.

27     11. If any provision of this section, or the application thereof to  
28 any person or circumstances, is held invalid or unconstitutional, that  
29 invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect other provisions or  
30 applications of this section that can be given effect without the inval-  
31 id or unconstitutional provision or application, and to this end the  
32 provisions of this section are severable.

33     § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
34 it shall have become a law.