

1 H.553

2 Introduced by Representative Pellett of Chester

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Agriculture; commercial slaughter of livestock; humane slaughter of  
6 livestock; prohibition; calves

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to prohibit the transportation and  
8 slaughter of calves less than ten days old.

9 An act relating to the transportation and slaughter of calves less than ten  
10 days old

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 Sec. 1. 6 V.S.A. § 3132 is amended to read:

13 § 3132. PROHIBITION

14 (a) No slaughterer, packer, or stockyard operator ~~may~~ shall bleed or  
15 slaughter livestock except by a humane method. The use of a manually  
16 operated hammer, sledge, poleax, or similar instrument is not a humane  
17 method within the meaning of this chapter.

18 (b) A calf that is less than ten days old shall not be slaughtered or  
19 transported for the purposes of slaughter. No person shall starve or otherwise  
20 take any action or fail to take any action that would reasonably result in the

1 death of a calf for the purpose of circumventing the requirements of this  
2 subsection.

3 Sec. 2. 6 V.S.A. § 3134 is amended to read:

4 § 3134. PENALTY

5 A person who violates this chapter shall be fined ~~not more than \$100.00 nor~~  
6 ~~less than \$50.00~~ \$250.00 per violation or imprisoned not more than 90 days, or  
7 both. In addition to the penalty provided ~~above~~ in this section, the secretary  
8 may seek an injunction against a slaughterer, packer, or stockyard operator  
9 who engages in practices which are prohibited by section 3132 of this title, by  
10 application to the superior court for the county in which such slaughterer,  
11 packer, or stockyard operator resides, or where such violations occur.

12 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

13 This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.