

1 S.110

2 Introduced by Senator Hartwell

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Crimes; animal shelter

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to clarify the requirements for shelter
7 for livestock.

8 An act relating to sheltering livestock

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

10 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 365 is amended to read:

11 § 365. SHELTER OF ANIMALS

12 (a) All livestock and animals ~~which are to be predominantly maintained~~
13 housed out-of-doors must be provided with adequate shelter to prevent direct
14 exposure to the elements shall be provided with shelter suitable to protect the
15 health of the animal.

16 (b) ~~Adequate natural shelter, or a three-sided, roofed building with~~
17 ~~exposure out of the prevailing wind and of sufficient size to adequately~~
18 ~~accommodate all livestock maintained out of doors shall be provided~~
19 Livestock shall have access to a constructed or natural shelter that is large
20 enough to accommodate all livestock comfortably at one time. The shelter

1 shall be well drained and protect the livestock from direct sun, rain, wind, and
2 other inclement weather. The building opening size and height must, at a
3 minimum, extend one foot above the withers of the largest animal housed and
4 must be maintained at that level even with manure and litter build-up. Equines
5 shall be provided with an artificial shelter with at least three sides and a
6 waterproof roof sufficient to protect the animal from the local climatic
7 conditions so that the health of the animal is protected. Nothing in this section
8 shall control dairy herd housing facilities, either loose housing, comfort stall or
9 stanchion ties, or other housing under control of the department of agriculture,
10 food and markets. This section shall not apply to any accepted housing or
11 grazing practices for any livestock industry.

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