

AMENDMENTS TO LB 306

Introduced by Larson

1           1. Strike section 1 and insert the following new section:

2           Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section, an entity  
3 shall be classified into one of the following classes:

4           (a) Class 1: A humane society, an animal shelter, an  
5 animal rescue, or an animal education and protection organization  
6 whose annual gross revenue is equal to or in excess of twenty  
7 million dollars and has an office or a shelter or rescue facility  
8 in this state;

9           (b) Class 2: A humane society, an animal shelter, an  
10 animal rescue, or an animal education and protection organization  
11 whose annual gross revenue is less than twenty million dollars and  
12 has an office or a shelter or rescue facility in this state; or

13           (c) Class 3: An organization whose sole mission is to  
14 rescue or advocate for animals belonging to a specific breed. An  
15 entity that meets the requirements of a Class 3 entity cannot be  
16 classified as a Class 1 entity or a Class 2 entity.

17           (2) An entity in Class 1 shall accept custody and  
18 provide care and shelter for any equine that is presented by a  
19 law enforcement officer or agency. For purposes of this section,  
20 care includes adequate housing facilities and nourishment for each  
21 equine.

22           (3) The Department of Agriculture shall adopt and  
23 promulgate rules and regulations providing for a hearing process

1 and a civil penalty not to exceed five hundred dollars for each  
2 occurrence of a Class 1 entity failing to accept custody and  
3 provide care and shelter for an equine as provided in subsection  
4 (2) of this section.