

THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

(1) A BIOMEDICAL FACILITY THAT IS LICENSED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; OR

(2) AN ANIMAL THAT IS ACCOMPANIED BY A SIGNED STATEMENT FROM A LICENSED VETERINARIAN STATING THAT THE ANIMAL'S DAM IS INCAPACITATED FOR HUMANE OR MEDICAL REASONS AND CANNOT CARE FOR THE ANIMAL.

(B) PROHIBITED.

(1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PERSON MAY NOT SELL OR DISTRIBUTE IN THE STATE OR BRING INTO THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SALE OR DISTRIBUTION A DOMESTIC DOG OR CAT LESS THAN 8 WEEKS OF AGE UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY ITS DAM.

(2) A PERSON MAY GIVE AN UNACCOMPANIED DOG OR CAT TO:

(I) AN ANIMAL SHELTER OR POUND THAT IS OPERATED OR SUPPORTED BY A GOVERNMENT; OR

(II) A HUMANE SOCIETY.

(C) PENALTY.

(1) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500.

(2) FOR PURPOSES OF HUMANE DISPOSAL, A COURT MAY SEIZE AN ANIMAL BROUGHT INTO THIS STATE IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 60B.

In subsection (b) of this section, the former parenthetical references to "Canis familiaris" and "Felis catus" are deleted as surplusage.

Defined terms: "Animal" § 10-601

"Humane society" § 10-601

"Person" § 1-101

10-614. TRANSFER OR COLORING OF CHICK.

(A) "CHICK" DEFINED.

IN THIS SECTION, "CHICK" MEANS A CHICKEN, DUCKLING, OR OTHER FOWL UNDER THE AGE OF 3 WEEKS.

(B) EXCEPTION.

THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE SALE OR DISPLAY OF A CHICK IN PROPER FACILITIES BY A BREEDER OR STORE ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF SELLING CHICKS FOR COMMERCIAL BREEDING AND RAISING.

(C) PROHIBITED.