

**717.1 Definitions.**

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Department*” means the department of agriculture and land stewardship.
2. “*Electronic mail*” means any message transmitted through the internet including but not limited to messages transmitted from or to any address affiliated with an internet site.
3. “*Law enforcement officer*” means a regularly employed member of a police force of a city or county, including a sheriff, who is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the criminal laws of this state.
4. “*Livestock*” means an animal belonging to the bovine, caprine, equine, ovine, or porcine species, ostriches, rheas, emus; farm deer as defined in [section 170.1](#); or poultry.
5. “*Livestock care provider*” means a person designated by a local authority to provide care to livestock which is rescued by the local authority pursuant to [section 717.2A](#).
6. “*Local authority*” means a city as defined in [section 362.2](#) or a county as provided in [chapter 331](#).
7. “*Maintenance*” means to provide on-site or off-site care to neglected livestock.
8. “*Sustenance*” means food, water, or a nutritional formulation customarily used in the production of livestock.

[C51, §2678; R60, §4318; C73, §3977; C97, §4818; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §13132; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §717.1]

[94 Acts, ch 1103, §7](#); [95 Acts, ch 43, §14](#); [94 Acts, ch 134, §6](#); [2003 Acts, ch 149, §21, 23](#); [2011 Acts, ch 81, §5](#)

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