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Senate File 180

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Passed Senate, Date 2-23-67 Passed House, Date 3-16-67  
Vote: Ayes 57 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 91 Nays 10

*motion to  
re refer to  
committee 2-23-67  
3/27/67  
as amended  
48-6*  
Approved April 6, 1967

## A BILL FOR

An Act relating to humane slaughtering methods which shall be practiced by those establishments subject to the Meat and Poultry Inspection Act.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

- 1 Section 1. Section one hundred eighty nine A point
- 2 eighteen (189A.18), Code 1966, is hereby repealed and the
- 3 following enacted in lieu thereof:
- 4 "Every establishment subject to the provisions of this
- 5 chapter engaged in the slaughter of bovine, porcine, or
- 6 ovine animals shall slaughter all such animals in an approved
- 7 humane slaughtering method. For purposes of this section an
- 8 approved humane slaughtering method shall include and be
- 9 limited to slaughter by shooting, electrical shock, or use of
- 10 carbon dioxide gas; however, the slaughtering of animals in
- 11 accordance with the ritual requirements of the Jewish or any
- 12 other faith that prescribes and requires a method whereby
- 13 slaughter becomes effected by severance of the carotid
- 14 arteries with a sharp instrument is hereby designated and
- 15 approved as a humane method of slaughter under the law."

1 Amend Senate File 180 as follows:  
2 1. Amend Section one (1) by striking lines one (1)  
3 through four (4) and the first word in line five (5) and  
4 inserting in lieu thereof the following:  
5 "Section 1. Every packer, slaughterer or stockyard operator  
6 subject to the provisions of this Act"  
7 2. Further amend section one (1) by striking lines  
8 eight (8), nine (9) and ten (10) and inserting in lieu  
9 thereof the following: "approved slaughtering method means:  
10 a. A method whereby the animal is rendered insensible  
11 to pain by mechanical, electrical, chemical, or other rapid  
12 and effective means before being shackled, hoisted, thrown,  
13 cast, or cut.  
14 b. A method in"  
15 3. Further amend section one (1) by striking lines  
16 fourteen (14) and fifteen (15) and inserting in lieu thereof  
17 the following: "arteries with a sharp instrument."  
18 c. Any method currently considered humane by regulations  
19 in federally inspected plants subject to the federal humane  
20 slaughter law.  
21 The use of a manually operated hammer, sledge, or poleax  
22 is declared to be an inhumane method of slaughter within  
23 the meaning of this Act."  
24 4. Further amend by adding the following new section:  
25 "Sec. 2. 'Person' means any individual, partnership, cor-  
26 poration, or association doing business in this state, in whole  
27 or in part.  
28 'Slaughterer' means any person regularly engaged in the  
29 commercial slaughtering of livestock.  
30 'Livestock' means cattle, calves, sheep, swine, horses,  
31 mules, goats, and any other animal which can or may be used in  
32 and for the preparation of meat or meat products.  
33 'Packer' means any person engaged in the business of  
34 slaughtering, manufacturing, or preparing meat or meat products  
35 for sale, either by such person or others; or of manufacturing  
36 or preparing livestock products for sale by such person or others.  
37 'Stockyard' means any place, establishment, or facility  
38 commonly known as a stockyard, conducted or operated for compen-  
39 sation or profit as a public market, consisting of pens or other  
40 enclosures and their appurtenances for the handling, keeping,  
41 and holding of livestock for the purpose of sale or shipment."  
42 5. Further amend by adding the following new section:  
43 "Sec. 3. No slaughterer, packer, or stockyard operator  
44 shall shackle, hoist, or otherwise bring livestock into  
45 position for slaughter by any method which shall cause injury  
46 or pain."  
47 6. Further amend by adding the following new section:  
48 "Sec. 4. No slaughterer, packer, or stockyard operator  
49 shall bleed or slaughter any livestock except by a humane  
50 method; provided, however, the Secretary of Agriculture may by  
51 administrative order exempt from compliance with this Act, for  
52 a period of not to exceed one (1) year after the effective date  
53 of this Act, any slaughterer, packer, or stockyard operator if  
54 the Secretary of Agriculture finds that an earlier compliance  
55 shall cause the person an undue hardship."  
56 7. Further amend by adding the following new section:  
57 "Sec. 5. The Secretary of Agriculture shall administer  
58 the provisions of this Act and shall have the authority to  
59 promulgate and revise rules and regulations which shall conform  
60 substantially to the rules and regulations promulgated by the  
61 Secretary of Agriculture of the United States under the Federal  
62 Humane Slaughter Act of 1958, public law 85-765, 72 stat. 862,  
63 and any amendments thereto."

- 1 Amend Senate File 180 as follows:
- 2 Amend by striking everything after the enacting
- 3 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the contents of
- 4 Senate File 99.

Filed - *Law 2-22, 13-42*  
February 17, 1967

By RILEY, ELY and  
STANLEY

- 1 Amend the second Riley, Ely and Stanley amendment to
- 2 Senate File 180, filed February 17, 1967, as follows:
- 3 1. By striking from lines fifty (50), fifty-four (54),
- 4 fifty-seven (57) and sixty-one (61) the words "Secretary
- 5 of Agriculture" and inserting in lieu thereof the words
- 6 "secretary of agriculture".

Filed - *Withdrawn 2-23*  
February 20, 1967

By STANLEY

- 1 Amend Senate File 180 as follows:
- 2 Amend Section one (1) by inserting after "gas" in
- 3 line ten (10) the following:
- 4 "prior to the animal being shackled, hoisted,
- 5 thrown, cast or cut"

Filed and adopted  
February 23, 1967

By RILEY

- 1 Amend Senate File 180 by deleting in line eleven (11)
- 2 the words "of animals" and inserting in lieu thereof the
- 3 following: ",handling or other preparation of livestock".

Filed - *Adopted 3-16*  
March 8, 1967 *Senate amended 3/27*

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
Delmont Moffitt, Chairman.