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Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 35-50.5-101 to 103

Effective Jan. 1, 2012 for calves and Jan. 1, 2018 for sows

§ 35-50.5-101. Definitions

As used in this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) “Calf raised for veal” means a member of the bovine species kept for the purpose of producing the food product known as veal.
- (2) “Farrowing” means the process of a gestating sow giving birth to offspring.
- (3) “Farrowing unit” means a structure in which a single gestating sow is kept immediately prior to and during farrowing for the purposes of providing care to the sow and the sow's offspring.
- (4) “Gestating sow” means a confirmed pregnant member of the porcine species.
- (5) “Person” shall have the meaning set forth in section 2-4-401, C.R. S.

§ 35-50.5-102. Confinement of calves raised for veal and pregnant sows--exceptions--penalty

- (1) No person shall confine a calf raised for veal or gestating sow in any manner other than the following:
 - (a) A calf raised for veal shall be kept in a manner that allows the calf to stand up, lie down, and turn around without touching the sides of its enclosure.
 - (b) A gestating sow shall be kept in a manner that allows the sow to stand up, lie down, and turn around without touching the sides of its enclosure until no earlier than twelve days prior to the expected date of farrowing. At that time, age stating sow may be kept in a farrowing unit.
- (2) This section shall not apply during the following:
 - (a) Periods of scientific or agricultural research;

- (b) Examination, testing, or individual veterinary treatment;
- (c) Transportation;
- (d) Exhibitions at rodeos, fairs, or youth programs; or
- (e) Slaughter pursuant to article 33 of this title and rules adopted pursuant to article 33 of this title.

(3) A person who violates any provision of this section commits a class 2 misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in section 18-1.3-501, C.R.S.

§ 35-50.5-103. Applicability

- (1) This article shall apply to:
 - (a) Calves raised for veal, on and after January 1, 2012; and
 - (b) Gestating sows, on and after January 1, 2018.