

1969 Assembly Bill 209

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AN ACT to amend 95.50; and to create 59.07 (84) and 95.50 (4) of the statutes, relating to county disposition of dead animals.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 59.07 (84) of the statutes is created to read:

59.07 (84) COUNTY DISPOSITION OF DEAD ANIMALS. May remove any dead animal, for burial or disposition at public expense, found upon public or private property within the county, or may contract for such removal and burial or other disposition with any private rendering plant, but the cost of such removal or disposition may be recovered by the county from the owner of the carcass, if he is known. The county board may delegate powers and duties under this subsection to any political subdivision.

SECTION 2. 95.50 of the statutes is amended to read:

95.50 (1) No person shall deposit or throw or allow to be deposited or thrown into any stream, lake or swale, or leave or deposit or cause to be left or deposited upon any public highway or other place the carcass of any animal; nor deposit or leave or permit to be deposited or left upon any premises under his control any dead animal exposed in such manner as to

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be reached by dogs or wild animals for a longer period than ~~twenty-four~~ 24 hours in the months of April to November, ~~inclusive, or forty-eight or~~ 48 hours during the months of December to March, ~~inclusive.~~ *The owner of such a carcass or any other person may report, to the proper county officials or the contracting private rendering plant pursuant to s. 59.07 (84) for removal and burial or other disposition of a carcass within the time specified in this subsection.*

(2) No person shall transport, haul or drag or permit to be transported, hauled or dragged along any public highway in this state the carcass of any animal suspected of having died from anthrax, blackleg, foot and mouth disease, sleeping sickness or glanders or any other disease which the department may designate as highly dangerous. All such carcasses shall be burned or be buried at least 6 feet below the surface of the ground and shall be completely covered so as to prevent their being reached by wild animals or dogs. Whenever it is necessary to transport any such carcass across any public highway for burial, it shall be transported in such manner as not to contaminate any part of the public highway. The carcasses of animals dying from other communicable diseases may be transported to and disposed of ~~in rendering plants~~ under such regulations as ~~shall be~~ *are* prescribed by the department.

(3) Any dead animal found upon a public highway or other public place shall, in case the owner of such animal cannot be found, be buried or otherwise disposed of at public expense by the proper health officer of the town, city or village wherein such animal is found. *This subsection applies only to a county which does not exercise its authority under s. 59.07 (84).*

SECTION 3. 95.50 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

95.50 (4) In a county which does not exercise its authority under s. 59.07 (84), the owner of a carcass is obligated to dispose of it as specified in this section.

Approved November 7, 1969.
