

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 3159

Introduced by Assembly Member Thurmond

February 16, 2018

An act to amend Section 19501 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to animals.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 3159, as introduced, Thurmond. Animal slaughter.

Existing law specifies the method by which designated animals are required to be slaughtered by any person engaged in the business of slaughtering those animals or by any person when all, or any part, of that animal is subsequently sold or used for commercial purposes.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 19501 of the Food and Agricultural Code
2 is amended to read:
3 19501. (a) Cattle, calves, horses, mules, sheep, swine, goats,
4 or fallow deer, or poultry shall be slaughtered by the methods
5 prescribed in this section. ~~Not~~ A state agency shall *not* contract for,
6 purchase, procure, or sell all or any portion of any animal, unless
7 that animal is slaughtered in conformity with this chapter. This
8 chapter applies to any person engaged in the business of
9 slaughtering animals enumerated in this section, or any person

1 slaughtering any of those animals when all, or any part of, that
2 animal is subsequently sold or used for commercial purposes.

3 (b) All cattle, calves, horses, mules, sheep, swine, goats, or
4 fallow deer subject to this part, or poultry subject to Part 1
5 (commencing with Section 24501) of, Part 2 (commencing with
6 Section 25401) of, and Part 3 (commencing with Section 26401)
7 of, Division 12 shall be slaughtered by either of the following
8 prescribed methods:

9 (1) The animal shall be rendered insensible to pain by a captive
10 bolt, gunshot, electrical or chemical means, or any other means
11 that is rapid and effective before being cut, shackled, hoisted,
12 thrown, or cast, with the exception of poultry ~~which~~ that may be
13 shackled.

14 (2) The animal shall be handled, prepared for slaughter, and
15 slaughtered in accordance with ritual requirements of the Jewish
16 or any other religious faith that prescribes a method of slaughter
17 whereby the animal suffers loss of consciousness by anemia of the
18 brain caused by the simultaneous and instantaneous severance of
19 the carotid arteries with a sharp instrument.

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21 (c) *This* section does not apply to the slaughter of spent hens
22 and small game birds, as defined by the department by regulation.