

A PERSON MAY NOT:

- (1) SELL, OFFER FOR SALE, BARTER, OR GIVE AWAY A CHICK AS A PET, TOY, PREMIUM, OR NOVELTY; OR
- (2) COLOR, DYE, STAIN, OR OTHERWISE CHANGE THE NATURAL COLOR OF A CHICK.

(D) PENALTY.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$25.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former CL § 11-904.

Defined term: "Person" § 1-101

10-615. CARE OF MISTREATED ANIMAL.

(A) COURT-ORDERED REMOVAL.

IF AN OWNER OR CUSTODIAN OF AN ANIMAL IS CONVICTED OF AN ACT OF ANIMAL CRUELTY, THE COURT MAY ORDER THE REMOVAL OF THE ANIMAL OR ANY OTHER ANIMAL AT THE TIME OF CONVICTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ANIMAL.

(B) SEIZURE.

(1) AN OFFICER OR AUTHORIZED AGENT OF A HUMANE SOCIETY, OR A POLICE OFFICER OR OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIAL REQUIRED TO PROTECT ANIMALS MAY SEIZE AN ANIMAL IF NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE ANIMAL FROM CRUELTY.

(2) (I) AN ANIMAL THAT A MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FACILITY POSSESSES MAY BE REMOVED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ONLY AFTER REVIEW BY AND A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, DIVISION OF VETERINARY MEDICINE.

(II) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL:

- 1. CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER RECEIVING A COMPLAINT; AND
- 2. WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER COMPLETING THE INVESTIGATION, REPORT TO THE STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE FACILITY IS SITUATED.

(C) IMPOUNDED ANIMAL.

(1) IF AN ANIMAL IS IMPOUNDED, YARDED, OR CONFINED WITHOUT NECESSARY FOOD, WATER, OR PROPER ATTENTION, IS SUBJECT TO CRUELTY, OR IS NEGLECTED, AN OFFICER OR AUTHORIZED AGENT OF A HUMANE SOCIETY, A POLICE OFFICER, ANOTHER PUBLIC OFFICIAL REQUIRED TO PROTECT ANIMALS, OR ANY INVITED AND ACCOMPANYING VETERINARIAN LICENSED IN THE STATE, MAY: