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Section

- 1 Exposing domestic animals to disease.** A person who intentionally exposes domestic animals (farm-raised deer, game birds, fish; or other animals listed by Agriculture Department rule) to an animal disease is guilty of a gross misdemeanor and is liable for civil damages equal to three times the value of the exposed animals.
- 2 Trespass on agricultural land.** A person who intentionally and without permission enters a livestock area that has been properly posted as a bio-security area is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. Minimum requirements for properly posting are stipulated. Penalty does not apply to state or county regulatory agents conducting an inspection on posted property.
- 3 Effective date.** The criminal and civil provisions of sections 1 and 2 are effective August 1, 2004.