

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

HB 1165 # 1

DIGEST

Humane euthanasia. Provides that the destruction of an animal by any means other than humane euthanasia is a Class B misdemeanor.

1 Page 11, after line 3, begin a new paragraph and insert:
2 "SECTION 12. IC 35-46-3-15, AS AMENDED BY P.L.141-2019,
3 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 15. (a) This section does not apply to the
5 following:
6 (1) A state or federally inspected livestock slaughtering facility
7 (for conduct authorized by IC 15-17-5 and rules adopted under
8 that chapter).
9 (2) An animal disease diagnostic laboratory established under
10 IC 21-46-3-1.
11 (3) A postsecondary educational institution.
12 (4) A research facility licensed by the United States Department
13 of Agriculture.
14 (b) As used in this section, "animal" has the meaning set forth in
15 **IC 35-46-3-3. section 3 of this chapter.**
16 (c) A person, **including a humane society, an animal control**
17 **agency, or a governmental entity operating an animal shelter or**
18 **other animal impounding facility**, who knowingly or intentionally
19 destroys or authorizes the destruction of an animal by:
20 **(1)** placing the animal in a decompression chamber and lowering
21 the pressure of or the oxygen content in the air surrounding the
22 animal; **or**
23 **(2) any means other than humane euthanasia;**
24 commits a Class B misdemeanor.".

(Reference is to HB 1165 as introduced.)