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AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMES; PROHIBITING INTRACARDIAC ADMINISTRATION OF  
EUTHANASIA ON A CONSCIOUS ANIMAL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 30, Article 18 NMSA 1978 is enacted  
to read:

"INTRACARDIAC INJECTION PROHIBITED ON CONSCIOUS ANIMAL.--

A. It is unlawful for an employee or agent of an animal control  
service or facility, animal shelter or humane society to use intracardiac injection to  
administer euthanasia on a conscious animal if the animal could first be rendered  
unconscious in a humane manner.

B. A person who violates the provisions of Subsection A of this  
section is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be sentenced in accordance with the  
provisions of Section 31-19-1 NMSA 1978."