

AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL LAW; CREATING THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF INJURY TO LIVESTOCK; PROVIDING PENALTIES; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE 18 NMSA 1978.

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:

"INJURY TO LIVESTOCK. --

A. Injury to livestock consists of willfully and maliciously poisoning, killing or injuring livestock that is the property of another.

B. As used in this section, "livestock" means cattle, sheep, buffalo, horses, mules, goats, swine and ratites.

C. Whoever commits injury to livestock is guilty of a fourth degree felony. "

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 1998. _____