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Transportation of Equines

Sec. 22-415-1. Definitions

(a) The following terms are defined as follows:

(1) Horse means all members of the equine family.

(2) Vehicle means any machine, tractor, trailer or semitrailer, or any combination thereof propelled or drawn by mechanical power and used upon the highways in the transportation of property.

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Sec. 22-415-2. Prohibitions and enforcement

(a) No person shall transport horses in any vehicle for more than eighteen (18) hours unless:

(1) within such vehicle the horses have enough space and opportunity for rest and are supplied with proper food and drink; or

(2) the horses are unloaded for at least five (5) consecutive hours unless prevented by storm or accidental cause.

(b) Horses unloaded pursuant to (a) (2) shall be properly fed, watered and sheltered during the time they are unloaded by the owner or person having custody during transportation.

(c) Any duly authorized police officer or humane agent may feed, water and shelter horses which are neglected by the owner or person having custody during transportation; such feeding, watering or sheltering shall be at the expense of the owner or person having custody during transportation.

(d) The use of double deck or possum belly vehicles to transport horses is strictly prohibited, unless the same is used pursuant to Sec. 22-415-3.

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Sec. 22-415-3. Construction and dimensions of vehicles

Any vehicle for the transportation of equines shall meet the following standards:

(1) The interiors of compartment containing horses are to be of smooth construction with no protruding or sharp objects.

(2) The floors are to be of non-skid construction or a non-skid material is to be placed on the floor. A nonskid floor shall mean:

(a) Non-skid rubber or like material secured to the floor, or

(b) A reasonable amount of abrasive material - these materials shall include but are not limited to sand, clay, sawdust; or

(c) Metal grade floors with dull surfaces not to protrude or injure hooves but with sufficient base to prohibit sliding.

(3) There shall be adequate ventilation in all closed trailers. Any truck having a slatted

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body shall be deemed to have sufficient ventilation.

(4) Sturdy partitions are to be provided approximately every ten (10) feet inside the vehicle.

(5) Doorways used by horses are to be of adequate height to allow twelve (12) inches above the withers and to allow the largest horse to pass through without injury.

(6) A minimum of twelve (12) inches must be allowed between the withers of the largest horse and the structure above the horse while the horse is in a natural standing position.

(7) If the vertical distance from the trailer to the unloading area is greater than eighteen (18) inches, ramps for loading and unloading are to be provided and are to be constructed such that they provide safe footing for horses.

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Sec. 22-415-4. Other restrictions

(a) Injured or handicapped horses shall not be loaded in the same compartment with healthy horses.

(b) Ponies or young horses shall not be loaded in the same compartment with larger and mature horses except as provided in (c) below.

(c) Dams with their own and other sucklings shall be transported in the same compartment and separate from other horses.

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