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SUMMARY

- Prohibits a person from recklessly destroying any domestic animal by the use of a carbon monoxide gas chamber or any other type of gas chamber.
- Specifies that a violation of the prohibition is a fourth degree misdemeanor.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Use of gas chamber to destroy animals

The bill prohibits a person from recklessly destroying any domestic animal by the use of a carbon monoxide gas chamber or any other type of gas chamber. A violation of this prohibition is a fourth degree misdemeanor (up to 30 days in jail and a fine of up \$250).

Current law prohibits (and imposes a fourth degree misdemeanor for) destroying a domestic animal by the use of:

- A high altitude decompression chamber; or
- Any method other than a method that immediately and painlessly renders the domestic animal initially unconscious and subsequently dead.

The existing prohibitions and the prohibition established by the bill do not apply to or prohibit the slaughtering of livestock under the law governing livestock slaughter or the taking of any wild animal when taken in accordance with the law governing hunting and fishing.¹

¹ R.C. 959.06; R.C. 959.99, 2929.24, and 2929.29, not in the bill.

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	06-19-19
