

SUBJECT: Repealing a provision related to the transportation of horsemeat

COMMITTEE: Agriculture & Livestock — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 6 ayes — Cain, Anderson, Bernal, Goodwin, Thimesch, Wilson
0 nays
3 absent — Cody Harris, Kitzman, Rosenthal

WITNESSES: For — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Thomas Parkinson)
Against — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Alex Gamez, Humane Society)

BACKGROUND: Some have suggested that certain provisions related to the transportation of large quantities of horsemeat can create unnecessary economic burdens and may be an inefficient use of enforcement resources.

DIGEST: HB 3419 would repeal a provision of the Agriculture Code stating that the transportation of horsemeat between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. is prima facie evidence of an offense, unless the horsemeat is in individual packages or containers of less than five pounds and plainly labeled “horsemeat.”

The bill would take effect September 1, 2023.