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Department of Agriculture

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# Division of Animal Welfare

**Objective: Provide additional oversight of animal welfare programs and create additional capacity for animal health activities**

### Quick Facts

- **Creates a new division at CDA**
- **Moves the Bureau of Animal Protection under the new Division**
- **Supports voluntary equine welfare efforts**
- **Does not create new regulatory authority or registration requirements**

### Sponsors

- **M.L. Monica Duran**
- **Rep. Ryan Armagost**
- **Sen. Rachel Zenzinger**
- **Sen. Dylan Roberts**

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### Division of Animal Welfare

- Increases oversight of animal welfare programs
  - Moves the Bureau of Animal Protection (BAP) under the new Division
  - The Pet Animal Care Facilities Act (PACFA) will be moved administratively under the new Division
- Provides the State Veterinarian with additional capacity to focus on animal health and agricultural emergencies
- Does not modify authorities or duties of any existing CDA program, including BAP and PACFA

### Equine Welfare

- Provides \$200,000 for equine welfare grants and support including:
  - Education and outreach
  - Emergency feed, veterinary care, and shelter
- Equine welfare complaints investigated by the BAP often involve mental health or financial challenges by the caretaker. Funds will help support emergent needs in these situations.