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Summary: It is unlawful to sell horsemeat for human consumption or to possess horsemeat with the intent to sell it for human consumption. It is also unlawful to transfer horsemeat when the person transferring the horsemeat knows or reasonably should know that the person receiving the meat intends to sell the meat for human consumption. The statute also identifies certain circumstances, such as the presence of horsemeat in a restaurant or cafe, as prima facie evidence of an intent to sell horsemeat for human consumption.

Statute in Full:

§ 1-1135 Definitions

- (a) The term "horsemeat" shall mean the meat or flesh of any animal of the equine genus.
- (b) The term "package" or "container" shall mean the original, properly-labeled package or container in which the horsemeat was packaged by the packer or processor at the point of origin.
- (c) The term "properly labeled" shall mean a display of written, printed or graphic matter upon the outside package or container, or wrapper if there be one, stating the name and address of the original packer or processor, and in addition thereto shall include the words "horse meat." All letters and words of the label shall be legible and of such size as to be easily read and understood by the ordinary individual under customary conditions of purchase and use.

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Laws 1963, c. 325, art. 11, § 1135, operative July 1, 1963.

§ 1-1136 Prohibition of Sale of Horsemeat

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer or exhibit for sale, or have in his possession with intent to sell, any quantity of horsemeat for human consumption.

Laws 1963, c. 325, art. 11, § 1136, operative July 1, 1963.

§ 1-1137 Transfer to Person Intending to Sell for Human Consumption

It shall be unlawful for any person to transfer the possession of any horsemeat to any other person when the person so transferring knows, or in the exercise of a reasonable discretion should have known, that the person receiving the horsemeat intends to sell it, offer it for sale, exhibit it for sale, or keep it in his possession with intent to sell it for human consumption.

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