

## WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §19-9-39

### **§19-9-39. Selling or giving away diseased animal; permitting it to stray.**

Without express permission in writing from the commissioner, or his agent, it shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale, or give away, or allow to stray, any animal infected with any communicable disease or any animal that has reacted to any tuberculin or mallein test, or with such permission to sell, offer for sale, or give away, any such animal, without notifying the purchaser, or any prospective purchaser, or the person to whom the animal shall be sold or given, that the animal is infected or has reacted as aforesaid, or that it has been in a herd infected with a disease within one year, except when for immediate slaughter in accordance with the meat inspection regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture; or to dispose of to another in any manner any animal that may be quarantined until such time as the quarantine shall have been raised by the proper officer, or to dispose of the meat or milk of any animal that may be infected with such communicable disease for use as food or for other purposes except in such manner as shall be provided by the commissioner: Provided, however, That nothing in this section shall be construed as in conflict with or superseding any of the provisions of the state or national pure food or meat inspection laws.