

**§2521. Humane methods of slaughter**

A method of slaughtering or handling in connection with slaughtering does not comply with the public policy of the State unless it is humane. Either of the following 2 methods of slaughtering and handling are humane: [PL 1999, c. 777, §1 (NEW).]

**1. Humane slaughter.** In the case of livestock, rendering animals insensible to pain by a single blow or gunshot or an electrical, chemical or other means that is rapid and effective before they are shackled, hoisted, thrown, cast or cut; or  
[PL 1999, c. 777, §1 (NEW).]

**2. Ritual slaughter.** Slaughtering and handling in accordance with the ritual requirements of a religious faith that prescribes a method of slaughter whereby the animal suffers loss of consciousness by anemia of the brain caused by the simultaneous and instantaneous severance of the carotid arteries with a sharp instrument.  
[PL 1999, c. 777, §1 (NEW).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 1999, c. 777, §1 (NEW).

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