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AN ACT relating to animals; clarifying that certain provisions related to riding horses in public places do not apply to police officers while performing their official duties under certain circumstances; revising the definition of “police animal” for provisions concerning cruelty to animals to include an animal which is used, but not owned, by a governmental agency; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 202.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:

202.530 ~~{Every person shall be}~~

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a person is guilty of a misdemeanor who ~~{shall:~~

~~—1. Ride or drive}~~ :

(a) Rides or drives a horse upon a public street or highway in a manner likely to endanger the safety or life of another person on ~~{such}~~ *the* public street or highway.

~~{2.}~~ *(b) While riding or driving a horse upon a public street or highway, create or participate creates or participates* in any noise, disturbance or other demonstration calculated or intended to frighten, intimidate or disturb any person.

2. The provisions of this section do not apply to a peace officer who rides or drives a horse while performing his duties as a peace officer if he:

(a) Is responding to an emergency call or is in pursuit of a suspected violator of the law; or

(b) Determines that noncompliance with any such provision is necessary to carry out his duties.

Sec. 2. NRS 484.331 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.331 1. Where sidewalks are provided, it ~~{shall be}~~ *is* unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent highway.

2. Pedestrians walking along highways where sidewalks are not provided shall walk on the left side of ~~{such}~~ *those* highways facing the approaching traffic.

3. A person shall not stand in a highway to solicit a ride or any business from the driver or any occupant of a vehicle. A person shall not, without a permit issued pursuant to NRS 244.3555 or 268.423, solicit any contribution from the driver or any occupant of a vehicle.

4. It is unlawful for any pedestrian who is under the influence of intoxicating liquors or any narcotic or stupefying drug to be within the traveled portion of any highway.

5. The provisions of this section apply ~~{also}~~ to riders of animals ~~{+}~~ , *except that the provisions of subsections 1, 2 and 3 do not apply to a peace officer who rides an animal while performing his duties as a peace officer.*

6. A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 3. NRS 574.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:
574.050 As used in NRS 574.050 to 574.200, inclusive:

1. “Animal” does not include the human race, but includes every other living creature.
2. “Police animal” means an animal which is owned *or used* by a state or local governmental agency and which is used by a peace officer in performing his duties as a peace officer.
3. “Torture” or “cruelty” includes every act, omission or neglect, whereby unjustifiable physical pain, suffering or death is caused or permitted.

Sec. 4. The amendatory provisions of this act do not apply to offenses committed before the effective date of this act.

Sec. 5. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.