

258.212 Tampering with or removal of domesticated animal's identification prohibited -- Exceptions -- Penalty.

- (1) No person other than the owner shall tamper with or remove without permission an identification tag, chip, locator, or electronic tracking device from a domesticated animal of any age, including but not limited to a hound or dog used in the sport of hunting.
- (2) Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to a person removing an identification tag, chip, locator, or electronic tracking device if the removal is:
 - (a) Necessary to prevent or treat an injury to the animal;
 - (b) Done by a law enforcement officer or animal control officer for a legitimate purpose; or
 - (c) Done with the written permission of the owner of the animal.
- (3) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

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