
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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OCTOBER 15, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
OCTOBER 15, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the offense of
3 cruelty to animals.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 5511 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
8 § 5511. Cruelty to animals.

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10 (c.1) Prohibition of activities related to dogs and cats.--

11 (1) A person commits an offense if the person does any
12 of the following:

13 (i) Kills a dog or cat, regardless of ownership of
14 the animal, for the purpose of human consumption.

15 (ii) Processes dog or cat meat for the purpose of

1 human consumption.

2 (iii) Breeds, keeps, sells, offers for sale or
3 transfers a dog or cat for the purpose of human
4 consumption.

5 (iv) Offers dog or cat meat for human consumption.

6 (2) Except as set forth in paragraph (3), a person that
7 violates this subsection commits a misdemeanor of the first
8 degree and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine
9 of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000 or to
10 imprisonment for not more than five years, or both.

11 (3) A person who, after being sentenced under paragraph
12 (2), violates this subsection commits a felony of the third
13 degree and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine
14 of not less than \$2,500 nor more than \$15,000 or to
15 imprisonment for not more than seven years, or both.

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17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.