AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 480

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Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 through 4, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in offenses against public order and decency, providing for the offense of attack on animal belonging to certain protected persons.

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 7 through 18; page 2, lines 1 through 14; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting

Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 5535.1. Attack on animal belonging to certain protected persons.

(a) Offense defined.--A person commits an offense if all of the following apply:

(1) The person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly kills, maims, disfigures, tortures or administers poison or exposes a poisonous substance with intent to administer the poison or poisonous substance to any of the following that is owned by or resides with a person protected by an order issued under 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 61 (relating to protection from abuse) or 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 62A (relating to protection of victims of sexual violence or intimidation):

(i) A dog or cat.

(ii) A guide dog for an individual who is blind.

(iii) A hearing dog for an individual who is deaf or audibly impaired.

(iv) A service dog for an individual who is physically limited.

(2) The person committing the violation under paragraph (1) is the subject of the order under paragraph (1).

(b) Grading.--A violation of this section is a felony of the third degree.

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