

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1174 Session of 2015

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MAY 11, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
 2 Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and
 3 related offenses, further providing for the offense of
 4 cruelty to animals.

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

7 Section 1. Section 5511(a)(1) and (2.1) of Title 18 of the
 8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 § 5511. Cruelty to animals.

10 (a) Killing, maiming or poisoning domestic animals or zoo
 11 animals, etc.--

12 (1) A person commits a misdemeanor of the second degree
 13 if he [willfully and maliciously] intentionally, knowingly or
 14 recklessly:

15 (i) Kills, maims or disfigures any domestic animal
 16 of another person or any domestic fowl of another person.

1 (ii) Administers poison to or exposes any poisonous
2 substance with the intent to administer such poison to
3 any domestic animal of another person or domestic fowl of
4 another person.

5 (iii) Harasses, annoys, injures, attempts to injure,
6 molests or interferes with a dog guide for an individual
7 who is blind, a hearing dog for an individual who is deaf
8 or audibly impaired or a service dog for an individual
9 who is physically limited.

10 Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this
11 paragraph shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than
12 \$500.

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14 (2.1) (i) A person commits a misdemeanor of the first
15 degree if he [willfully and maliciously] intentionally,
16 knowingly or recklessly:

17 (A) Kills, maims, mutilates, tortures or
18 disfigures any dog or cat, whether belonging to
19 himself or otherwise. If a person kills, maims,
20 mutilates, tortures or disfigures a dog guide for an
21 individual who is blind, a hearing dog for an
22 individual who is deaf or audibly impaired or a
23 service dog for an individual who is physically
24 limited, whether belonging to the individual or
25 otherwise, that person, in addition to any other
26 applicable penalty, shall be required to make
27 reparations for veterinary costs in treating the dog
28 and, if necessary, the cost of obtaining and training
29 a replacement dog.

30 (B) Administers poison to or exposes any

1 poisonous substance with the intent to administer
2 such poison to any dog or cat, whether belonging to
3 himself or otherwise.

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