AN ACT

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

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

Section 1. Section 5511(a) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

§ 5511. Cruelty to animals.

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

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(1.1) (i) A person commits a misdemeanor of the first degree if he willfully and maliciously kills, maims, disfigures, tortures or administers poison to or exposes any poisonous substance with intent to administer such poison or poisonous substance to any dog or cat, guide dog for an individual who is blind, hearing dog for an individual who is deaf or audibly impaired or service dog for an individual who is deaf or audibly impaired or service dog.
for an individual who is physically limited, that is in
the care, control or supervision of a person or persons
who directly benefit from a protection from abuse order
issued under 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 61 (relating to protection
from abuse) and where the person committing the harm
against the dog, cat, guide dog, hearing dog or service
dog is subject to the protection from abuse order.

(ii) Any person convicted of violating this
paragraph shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less
than $2,000 and not more than $15,000 or to imprisonment
for not more than two years, or both.

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