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BEBKO-JONES, APRIL 27, 1993

SENATOR GREENLEAF, JUDICIARY, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,
MARCH 16, 1994

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for cruelty to
3 animals; and prohibiting the offering of live animals as
4 prizes.

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

7 Section 1. Section 5511(j) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended AND THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY <—
9 ADDING A SUBSECTION to read:

10 § 5511. Cruelty to animals.

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12 (j) Seizure of animals kept or used for animal fighting.--

13 Any police officer or agent of a society or association for the

1 prevention of cruelty to animals incorporated under the laws of
2 this Commonwealth, shall have power to seize any animal kept,
3 used, or intended to be used for animal fighting. When the
4 seizure is made, the animal or animals so seized shall not be
5 deemed absolutely forfeited, but shall be held by the officer or
6 agent seizing the same until a conviction of some person is
7 first obtained for a violation of subsection (h.1). The officer
8 or agent making such seizure shall make due return to the
9 [justice of the peace before whom the complaint is heard]
10 issuing authority, of the number and kind of animals or
11 creatures so seized by him[, and it shall be the duty of the
12 justice of the peace hearing the complaint, in case of a
13 conviction, to make the forfeiture of such animals or creatures
14 seized a part of the sentence]. Where an animal is thus seized,
15 the police officer or agent is authorized to provide such care
16 as is reasonably necessary, and where any animal thus seized is
17 found to be disabled, injured or diseased beyond reasonable hope
18 of recovery, the police officer or agent is authorized to
19 provide for the humane destruction of the animal. [The cost of
20 the keeping, care and destruction of the animal shall be paid by
21 the owner thereof.] In addition to any other penalty provided by
22 law, the authority imposing sentence upon a conviction for any
23 violation of subsection (h.1) shall order the forfeiture or
24 surrender of any abused, neglected or deprived animal of the
25 defendant to any society or association for the prevention of
26 cruelty to animals duly incorporated under the laws of this
27 Commonwealth and shall require that the owner pay the cost of
28 the keeping, care and destruction of the animal.

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30 (O.1) CONSTRUCTION OF SECTION.--THE PROVISIONS OF THIS

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1 SECTION SHALL NOT SUPERSEDE THE ACT OF DECEMBER 7, 1982
2 (P.L.784, NO.225), KNOWN AS THE DOG LAW.

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4 Section 2. Title 18 is amended by adding a section to read:

5 § 5511.1. Live animals as prizes prohibited.

6 (a) General rule.--No person shall give or offer to give
7 away any live animal, except fish, as a prize in any drawing,
8 lottery, contest, sweepstakes or other game.

9 (b) Exception.--

10 (1) This section shall not apply to any domestic animal
11 given away in connection with any agricultural, educational
12 or vocational program sponsored or sanctioned by the
13 Department of Agriculture.

14 (2) The Department of Agriculture shall promulgate the
15 rules and regulations necessary to provide the conditions and
16 requirements of live animal offerings under this subsection.

17 (C) CONSTRUCTION OF SECTION.--THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION <—
18 SHALL NOT SUPERSEDE THE ACT OF DECEMBER 7, 1982 (P.L.784,
19 NO.225), KNOWN AS THE DOG LAW.

20 ~~(e)~~ (D) Penalty.--A violation of this section constitutes a <—
21 summary offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$250.

22 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.