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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 22, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for the offense of  
3 transporting equine animals in a cruel manner.

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

6 Section 1. Section 5511(q) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding definitions and the  
8 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

9 § 5511. Cruelty to animals.

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11 (e.1) Transporting equine animals in cruel manner.--

12 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person commits a  
13 summary offense for each equine animal if the person carries, or  
14 causes or allows to be carried any equine animal in or upon any

1 conveyance, or other vehicle whatsoever with two or more levels.  
2 A person who violates this subsection on a second or subsequent  
3 occasion commits a misdemeanor of the third degree for each  
4 equine animal transported.

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6 (q) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
7 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
8 subsection:

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10 "Conveyance." A truck, tractor, trailer or semitrailer, or  
11 any combination of these, propelled or drawn by mechanical  
12 power.

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14 "Equine animal." Any member of the Equidae family, which  
15 includes horses, asses, mules, ponies and zebras.

16 \* \* \*

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