

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 747 Session of
2005

INTRODUCED BY BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, READSHAW, CALTAGIRONE,
J. EVANS, FRANKEL, REICHLEY, ROBERTS AND GOODMAN,
MARCH 1, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 1, 2005

AN ACT

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

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

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

8 § 5511. Cruelty to animals.

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

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12 (2.2) A person commits a misdemeanor of the second
13 degree if he is the owner or co-owner of a dog that kills,
14 maims or disfigures a guide dog for an individual who is
15 blind, a hearing dog for an individual who is deaf or audibly
16 impaired or a service dog for an individual who is physically
17 limited. In addition to any other applicable penalty, a
18 person convicted under this paragraph shall be ordered to

1 make reparations for veterinary costs in treating the guide,
2 hearing or service dog and, if necessary, the cost of
3 obtaining and training a replacement guide, hearing or
4 service dog.

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