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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 32**

Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY DINNIMAN, BOSCOLA, COSTA, ORIE, PUNT, RAFFERTY,  
O'PAKE, STACK, FERLO AND LOGAN, FEBRUARY 5, 2007

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the offense of  
3 cruelty to 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 (1.1) A person commits a felony of the third degree if  
13 he willfully and maliciously kills, maims, disfigures,  
14 tortures or administers poison to or exposes any poisonous  
15 substance with intent to administer such poison or poisonous  
16 substance to any domestic animal or domestic fowl that is in  
17 the care, control or supervision of a person or persons who  
18 directly benefit from a protection from abuse order issued

1     under 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 61 (relating to protection from abuse)  
2     and where the person committing the harm against the domestic  
3     animal or domestic fowl is subject to the protection from  
4     abuse order.

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