

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY J. EVANS, BOYD, BRENNAN, BUXTON, DONATUCCI, GEIST, GIBBONS, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARKINS, KORTZ, MANN, MELIO, O'NEILL, PAYNE, REICHLEY, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, STERN, VULAKOVICH, WATSON AND FABRIZIO, JANUARY 30, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 30, 2009

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 of an individual who is  
15 blind, a hearing dog of an individual who is deaf or audibly  
16 impaired or a service dog of an individual who is physically  
17 limited. In addition to any other applicable penalty, a

1 person convicted under this paragraph shall be ordered to  
2 make reparations for veterinary costs in treating the guide,  
3 hearing or service dog and, if necessary, the cost of  
4 obtaining and training a replacement guide, hearing or  
5 service dog.

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