

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 123 Session of
2009

INTRODUCED BY J. EVANS, BOYD, BRENNAN, BUXTON, DONATUCCI, GEIST,
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JANUARY 30, 2009

AS RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 24, 2010

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 ~~(2.2) A person commits a misdemeanor of the second~~ ←

13 ~~(2.2) (I) A PERSON COMMITS A MISDEMEANOR OF THE SECOND~~ ←
14 ~~degree if he is the owner or co-owner of a dog that~~
15 ~~kills, maims or disfigures a guide dog of an individual~~
16 ~~who is blind, a hearing dog of an individual who is deaf~~

1 or audibly impaired or a service dog of an individual who
2 is physically limited.~~In addition to any other~~ ←
3 ~~applicable penalty, a person convicted under this~~
4 ~~paragraph~~

5 (II) ANY PERSON CONVICTED OF VIOLATING THE ←
6 PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE SENTENCED TO PAY A
7 FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000 AND shall be ordered to make
8 reparations for veterinary costs in treating the guide,
9 hearing or service dog and, if necessary, the cost of
10 obtaining and training a replacement guide, hearing or
11 service dog.

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