

## AN ACT

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

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 (h.3) Leaving animal in unattended motor vehicle.--The  
12 following shall apply:

13 (1) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, a  
14 motor vehicle owner or operator commits a summary offense if  
15 the motor vehicle owner or operator confines a dog or cat in  
16 an unattended motor vehicle in extreme heat, endangering the  
17 dog's or the cat's health and well-being.

18 (2) A person who witnesses an act under paragraph (1),

1 may contact a police officer, a volunteer or professional  
2 fireman, humane officer, security guard or other first  
3 responder, who may take any action to safeguard the dog or  
4 cat, including, but not limited to, breaking into the motor  
5 vehicle to remove the dog or cat from the unattended motor  
6 vehicle after a reasonable effort to search for the owner or  
7 operator of the unattended motor vehicle.

8 (3) A police officer, a volunteer or professional  
9 fireman, humane officer, security guard or other first  
10 responder, and the department or agency employing the  
11 officer, is not liable for any damage to property resulting  
12 from actions taken under this section.

13 (4) If the dog or cat is removed from the motor vehicle,  
14 the person removing the dog or cat shall:

15 (i) leave a note in the motor vehicle or in a  
16 conspicuous location stating the person's name and  
17 contact information and information as to where the dog  
18 or cat can be located; and

19 (ii) take the dog or cat to a veterinary hospital or  
20 animal care clinic for treatment and health screening.  
21 The dog or cat shall then be admitted to a shelter or  
22 humane society if the motor vehicle owner or operator is  
23 unable to be located.

24 \* \* \*

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

28 \* \* \*

29 "Extreme heat." An extremely high temperature, inside or  
30 outside of a motor vehicle, that could endanger an animal's

1 health or well-being.

2 \* \* \*

3 "Unattended motor vehicle." A motor vehicle that is out of  
4 the owner's or operator's sight.

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