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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 12, 2001

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)(2.1)(ii) of Title 18 of the  
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended 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 (2.1) \* \* \*

13 (ii) Any person convicted of violating the  
14 provisions of this paragraph shall be sentenced to pay a  
15 fine of not less than \$1,000 or to imprisonment for not  
16 more than [two] five years, or both. The court may also

1       order a presentence mental evaluation. A subsequent  
2       conviction under this paragraph shall be a felony of the  
3       third degree. This paragraph shall apply to dogs and cats  
4       only.

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6       Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.