

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2346 Session of
2002

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MAHER, PALLONE, NAILOR AND STEELMAN, FEBRUARY 6, 2002

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 6, 2002

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 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:

8 § 5511. Cruelty to animals.

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10 (m.2) Prohibition of ownership.--Notwithstanding any
11 provision of law and in addition to any other penalty provided
12 by law, the authority imposing sentence upon a conviction for
13 any violation of this section may order the prohibition or
14 limitation of the defendant's current or future ownership,
15 possession, control or custody of animals for any period of

1 time, including the permanent relinquishment of animal
2 ownership, possession, control or custody. A defendant who has
3 been prohibited or limited under this subsection may petition
4 the authority that imposed the sentence to restore full or
5 partial ownership, possession, control or custody upon the
6 defendant's completion of approved performance of community
7 service with a humane society or completion of approved
8 behavioral counseling or both.

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