
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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2007

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WATSON AND YOUNGBLOOD, OCTOBER 18, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
OCTOBER 18, 2007

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(h.1) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 5511. Cruelty to animals.

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10 (h.1) Animal fighting.--A person commits a felony of the
11 third degree if he:

12 (1) for amusement or gain, causes, allows or permits any
13 animal to engage in animal fighting;

14 (2) receives compensation for the admission of another

1 person to any place kept or used for animal fighting;

2 (3) owns, possesses, keeps, trains, promotes, purchases,
3 steals or acquires in any manner or knowingly sells any
4 animal for animal fighting;

5 (4) in any way knowingly encourages, aids or assists
6 therein;

7 (5) wagers on the outcome of an animal fight;

8 (6) pays for admission to an animal fight or attends an
9 animal fight as a spectator; or

10 (7) knowingly permits any place under his control or
11 possession to be kept or used for animal fighting.

12 This subsection shall not apply to activity undertaken in a
13 normal agricultural operation.

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