
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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MOLCHANY AND CARROLL, FEBRUARY 5, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 5, 2014

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 the offense of
4 cruelty to animals.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 5511(a)(1) and (2.1) of Title 18 of the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 § 5511. Cruelty to animals.

10 (a) Killing, maiming or poisoning domestic animals or zoo
11 animals, etc.--

12 (1) A person commits a misdemeanor of the second degree
13 if he [willfully and maliciously] intentionally, knowingly or
14 recklessly:

15 (i) Kills, maims or disfigures any domestic animal
16 of another person or any domestic fowl of another person.

17 (ii) Administers poison to or exposes any poisonous

1 substance with the intent to administer such poison to
2 any domestic animal of another person or domestic fowl of
3 another person.

4 (iii) Harasses, annoys, injures, attempts to injure,
5 molests or interferes with a dog guide for an individual
6 who is blind, a hearing dog for an individual who is deaf
7 or audibly impaired or a service dog for an individual
8 who is physically limited.

9 Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this
10 paragraph shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than
11 \$500.

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13 (2.1) (i) A person commits a misdemeanor of the first
14 degree if he [willfully and maliciously] intentionally,
15 knowingly or recklessly:

16 (A) Kills, maims, mutilates, tortures or
17 disfigures any dog or cat, whether belonging to
18 himself or otherwise. If a person kills, maims,
19 mutilates, tortures or disfigures a dog guide for an
20 individual who is blind, a hearing dog for an
21 individual who is deaf or audibly impaired or a
22 service dog for an individual who is physically
23 limited, whether belonging to the individual or
24 otherwise, that person, in addition to any other
25 applicable penalty, shall be required to make
26 reparations for veterinary costs in treating the dog
27 and, if necessary, the cost of obtaining and training
28 a replacement dog.

29 (B) Administers poison to or exposes any
30 poisonous substance with the intent to administer

1 such poison to any dog or cat, whether belonging to
2 himself or otherwise.

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