

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILLNo. **594** Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY DINNIMAN, TEPLITZ, FONTANA, ALLOWAY, COSTA,
FARNESE, RAFFERTY, WARD, BROWNE, BOSCOLA AND LEACH,
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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 7, 2016

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(a) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph 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 (1.1) (i) A person commits a misdemeanor of the first
13 degree if he willfully and maliciously kills, maims,
14 disfigures, tortures or administers poison to or exposes
15 any poisonous substance with intent to administer such
16 poison or poisonous substance to any dog or cat, guide
17 dog for an individual who is blind, hearing dog for an

1 individual who is deaf or audibly impaired or service dog
2 for an individual who is physically limited, that is in <--
3 the care, control or supervision of a person or persons
4 who directly benefit from a protection from abuse order
5 issued under 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 61 (relating to protection
6 from abuse) and where the person committing the harm
7 against the dog, cat, guide dog, hearing dog or service
8 dog is subject to the protection from abuse order. THAT <--
9 BELONGS TO OR RESIDES WITH A PERSON PROTECTED BY AN ORDER
10 ISSUED UNDER 23 PA.C.S. CH. 61 (RELATING TO PROTECTION
11 FROM ABUSE) AND THE PERSON COMMITTING THE VIOLATION IS
12 THE SUBJECT OF THE ORDER.

13 (ii) Any person convicted of violating this
14 paragraph shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less
15 than \$2,000 and not more than \$15,000 or to imprisonment
16 for not more than two years, or both.

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