
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY ISAACSON, GALLOWAY, GIRAL, HILL-EVANS, HOHENSTEIN,
HOWARD, MADDEN, McNEILL, PASHINSKI, SANCHEZ AND SCHLOSSBERG,
MARCH 8, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 8, 2023

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 animal.

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

7 Section 1. Section 5533(b) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 5533. Cruelty to animal.

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11 (b) Grading.--

12 (1) Except as set forth in [paragraph (2)] paragraphs
13 (2) and (3), a violation of this section is a summary
14 offense.

15 (2) If the violation causes bodily injury to the animal
16 or places the animal at imminent risk of serious bodily
17 injury, a violation of this section is a misdemeanor of the
18 second degree.

1 (3) If the violation causes bodily injury to the animal
2 due to the cropping, trimming or cutting off the whole or
3 part of the ear or ears of the animal by a person who is not
4 a licensed doctor of veterinary medicine or who is not acting
5 in accordance with section 5542(a) (relating to animal
6 mutilation and related offenses), a violation of this section
7 is as follows:

8 (i) A misdemeanor of the second degree for the first
9 violation.

10 (ii) A misdemeanor of the first degree for a second
11 or subsequent violation.

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