
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ANIMALS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 711-1109, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsections (1) and (2) to read as follows:
3 "(1) A person commits the offense of cruelty to animals if
4 the person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly:
5 (a) Overdrives, overloads, tortures, torments, cruelly
6 beats, or starves any animal, or causes or procures
7 the overdriving, overloading, torture, torment, cruel
8 beating, or starving of any animal, or deprives a pet
9 animal of necessary sustenance or causes such
10 deprivation;
11 (b) Mutilates, poisons, or kills without need any animal
12 other than insects, vermin, or other pests;
13 (c) Keeps, uses, or in any way is connected with or
14 interested in the management of, or receives money for
15 the admission of any person to, any place kept or used
16 for the purpose of fighting or baiting any bull, bear,
17 dog, cock, or other animal, and every person who



1 encourages, aids, or assists therein, or who permits
2 or suffers any place to be so kept or used;

3 (d) Carries or causes to be carried, in or upon any
4 vehicle or other conveyance, any animal in a cruel or
5 inhumane manner; [~~e~~]

6 (e) Abandons on the premises of another, including any
7 public property, any animal that is in the custody of,
8 owned by, or required to be licensed to the person
9 without the intention of returning to take possession
10 of the animal; or

11 [~~e~~] (f) Assists another in the commission of any act of
12 cruelty to any animal.

13 (2) Subsection (1) (a), (b), (d), (e), (f), and the
14 following subsection (3) are not applicable to accepted
15 veterinary practices and to activities carried on for scientific
16 research governed by standards of accepted educational or
17 medicinal practices."

18 SECTION 2. Section 143-2.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 repealed.

20 [~~§143-2.6~~] ~~Animal desertion.~~ It shall be unlawful for
21 the owner of any animal or any person in possession of an animal

1 ~~that belongs to another person to leave the animal without the~~
2 ~~intention of returning to it.~~

3 ~~Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a~~
4 ~~petty misdemeanor."]~~

5 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
6 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
7 begun, before its effective date.

8 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Cruelty to Animals; Abandonment

Description:

Amends section 711-1109, HRS (cruelty to animals), to include the abandonment of an animal in the offense of cruelty to animals. Repeals section 143-2.6, HRS, regarding animal desertion.

