
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 711-1108.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "~~§~~711-1108.5~~§~~ **Cruelty to animals in the first degree.**

4 (1) A person commits the offense of cruelty to animals in the
5 first degree if the person intentionally or knowingly tortures,
6 mutilates, or poisons or causes the torture, mutilation, or
7 poisoning of any pet animal or equine animal resulting in
8 serious bodily injury or death of the pet animal~~[-]~~ or equine
9 animal.

10 (2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to:

11 (a) Accepted veterinary practices;

12 (b) Activities carried on for scientific research governed
13 by standards of accepted educational or medicinal
14 practices; or

15 (c) Cropping or docking as customarily practiced.

16 (3) Whenever any pet animal is so severely injured that
17 there is no reasonable probability that its life can be saved,



1 the pet animal may be immediately destroyed without creating any
2 offense under this section.

3 (4) Cruelty to animals in the first degree is a class C
4 felony."

5 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Offenses Against Public Order; Pet Animal; Cruelty to Animals

Description:

Adds equine animals as protected under the law pertaining to offenses relating to cruelty to animals. (SD1)

