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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 711-1108.5, 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 in  
4 the first degree if the person intentionally or knowingly  
5 [~~tortures,~~]:

6           (a) Tortures, mutilates, or poisons or causes the torture,  
7           mutilation, or poisoning of any pet animal or equine  
8           animal resulting in serious bodily injury or death of  
9           the pet animal or equine animal~~[-]~~; or

10          (b) Kills or attempts to kill any pet animal belonging to  
11          another person, without first obtaining legal  
12          authority or consent of that person.

13          (2) Subsection (1) (a) and (1) (b) shall not apply to:

14          (a) Accepted veterinary practices;

15          (b) Activities carried on for scientific research governed  
16          by standards of accepted educational or medicinal  
17          practices; ~~[or]~~

18          (c) Cropping or docking as customarily practiced~~[-]~~; or



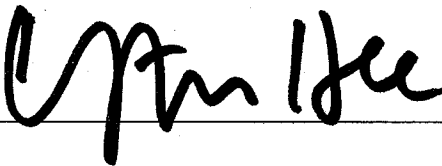
1        (d)    Humane killing of any animal by an animal control  
2                    officer, duly incorporated humane society, duly  
3                    incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to  
4                    animals, or duly authorized government agency."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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 on July 1, 2011.

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INTRODUCED BY:





**Report Title:**

Cruelty to Animals; Offenses

**Description:**

Adds to the offense of cruelty to animals, killing or attempting to kill any pet animal belonging to another person, without first obtaining legal authority or consent of that person; exempts humane killing by an animal control officer, duly incorporated humane society, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, or authorized government agency.

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