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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CRUELTY 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 subsection (1) to read as follows:

3           "(1) A person commits the offense of cruelty to animals in  
4 the second degree if the person intentionally, knowingly, or  
5 recklessly:

6           (a) Overdrives, overloads, tortures, torments, beats,  
7 causes substantial bodily injury~~[7]~~ to, or starves any  
8 animal, or causes the overdriving, overloading,  
9 torture, torment, beating, or starving of any animal;

10          (b) Deprives a pet animal of necessary sustenance or  
11 causes such deprivation;

12          (c) Mutilates, poisons, or kills without need any animal  
13 other than insects~~[, vermin, or other pests,]~~ or  
14 rodents; provided that any insects or rodents are  
15 handled in accordance with standard and acceptable  
16 insect or rodent control practices;

17          (d) Keeps, uses, or in any way is connected with or  
18 interested in the management of, or receives money for



1 the admission of any person to, any place kept or used  
2 for the purpose of fighting or baiting any bull, bear,  
3 cock, or other animal, and includes every person who  
4 encourages, aids, or assists therein, or who permits  
5 or suffers any place to be so kept or used;

6 (e) Carries or causes to be carried, in or upon any  
7 vehicle or other conveyance, any animal in a cruel or  
8 inhumane manner;

9 (f) Confines or causes to be confined, in a kennel or  
10 cage, any pet animal in a cruel or inhumane manner;

11 (g) Tethers, fastens, ties, or restrains a dog to a  
12 doghouse, tree, fence, or any other stationary object  
13 by means of a choke collar, pinch collar, or prong  
14 collar; provided that a person is not prohibited from  
15 using such restraints when walking a dog with a hand-  
16 held leash or while a dog is engaged in a supervised  
17 activity; or

18 (h) Assists another in the commission of any act specified  
19 in subsections (1)(a) through (1)(g)."

20 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
21 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
22 begun before its effective date.



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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**Report Title:**

Cruelty to Animals; Exception for Insects and Rodents

**Description:**

Clarifies that a person commits the offense of cruelty to animals in the second degree if the person kills without need any animal other than insects or rodents, deleting "vermin or other pests" from this exception. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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