
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; provided
14 that the handling or extermination of any insect,
15 vermin, or other pest is conducted in accordance with
16 standard and acceptable pest control practices and all
17 applicable laws and regulations;



- 1 (d) Keeps, uses, or in any way is connected with or
2 interested in the management of, or receives money for
3 the admission of any person to, any place kept or used
4 for the purpose of fighting or baiting any bull, bear,
5 cock, or other animal, and includes every person who
6 encourages, aids, or assists therein, or who permits
7 or suffers any place to be so kept or used;
- 8 (e) Carries or causes to be carried, in or upon any
9 vehicle or other conveyance, any animal in a cruel or
10 inhumane manner;
- 11 (f) Confines or causes to be confined, in a kennel or
12 cage, any pet animal in a cruel or inhumane manner;
- 13 (g) Tethers, fastens, ties, or restrains a dog to a
14 doghouse, tree, fence, or any other stationary object
15 by means of a choke collar, pinch collar, or prong
16 collar; provided that a person is not prohibited from
17 using such restraints when walking a dog with a hand-
18 held leash or while a dog is engaged in a supervised
19 activity; or
- 20 (h) Assists another in the commission of any act specified
21 in subsections (1)(a) through (1)(g)."



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

4 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.



Report Title:

Cruelty to Animals; Exception for Insects, Vermin, and Other Pests

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, vermin, or other pests; provided they are handled in accordance with standard and acceptable pest control practices and all applicable laws and regulations. Effective July 1, 2011. (SB1533 HD1)

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