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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. Chapter 711, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§711-           Cruelty to animals by declawing. (1) A person  
5 commits the offense of cruelty to animals by declawing if the  
6 person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly:

7           (a) Performs surgical claw removal, declawing,  
8           onychectomy, or tendonectomy on any domesticated cat;  
9           or

10           (b) Assists another in the commission of an act specified  
11           in subsection (a).

12           (2) This section does not apply to any person performing  
13 or assisting in the surgical claw removal, declawing,  
14 onychectomy, or tendonectomy of a domesticated cat for the  
15 purpose of addressing the medical condition of the cat, such as  
16 an existing or recurring illness, infection, disease, injury, or



1 abnormal condition in the claw the compromises the animal's  
2 health.

3 (3) Cruelty to animals by declawing is a misdemeanor.

4 (4) As used in this section:

5 "Declawing" and "onychectomy" mean any surgical procedure  
6 in which a portion of a cat's paw is amputated in order to  
7 remove a cat's claws.

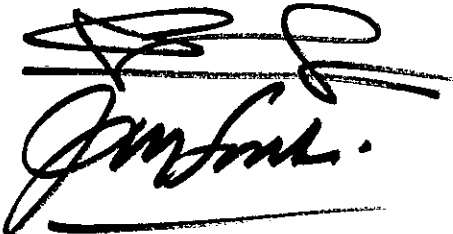
8 "Tendonectomy" means a procedure in which the tendons to a  
9 cat's limbs, paws, or toes are cut or modified so that the cat's  
10 claws cannot be extended."

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

14 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# H.B. NO. 466

**Report Title:**

Crimes Against Public Order; Cruelty to Animals; Declawing

**Description:**

Makes performing or assisting with a surgical claw removal, declawing, onychectomy, or tendonectomy on any domesticated cat a misdemeanor.

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