

ACT 173

H.B. NO. 2667

A Bill for an Act Relating to Cruelty to Animals.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 711-1100, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding two new definitions to be appropriately inserted and to read as follows:

““Pet animal” means a dog, cat, rabbit, guinea pig, domestic rat or mouse, or caged birds (passeriformes, piciformes, and psittaciformes only).

“Necessary sustenance” means care sufficient to preserve the health and well-being of a pet animal, except for emergencies or circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the owner or caretaker of the pet animal, and includes but is not limited to the following requirements:

- (1) Food of sufficient quantity and quality to allow for normal growth or maintenance of body weight;
- (2) Open or adequate access to water in sufficient quantity and quality to satisfy the animal’s needs;
- (3) Access to protection from wind, rain, or sun; and
- (4) An area of confinement that has adequate space necessary for the health of the animal and is kept reasonably clean and free from excess waste or other contaminants that could affect the animal’s health.”

SECTION 2. Section 711-1109, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (1) to read as follows:

“(1) A person commits the offense of cruelty to animals if the person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly:

- (a) Overdrives, overloads, tortures, torments, cruelly beats or starves any animal, or causes or procures the overdriving, overloading, torture, torment, cruel beating or starving of any animal[;], or deprives a pet animal of necessary sustenance or causes such deprivation;
- (b) Mutilates, poisons, or kills without need any animal other than insects, vermin, or other pests;
- (c) Keeps, uses, or in any way is connected with or interested in the management of, or receives money for the admission of any person to, any place kept or used for the purpose of fighting or baiting any bull, bear, dog, cock, or other animal, and every person who encourages, aids, or assists therein, or who permits or suffers any place to be so kept or used;
- (d) Carries or causes to be carried, in or upon any vehicle or other conveyance, any animal in a cruel or inhumane manner; or
- (e) Assists another in the commission of any act of cruelty to any animal.”

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

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

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SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved July 15, 1998.)