

ACT 226

S.B. NO. 1533

A Bill for an Act Relating to Cruelty to Animals.

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

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

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

- (a) Overdrives, overloads, tortures, torments, beats, causes substantial bodily injury[;] to, or starves any animal, or causes the overdriving, overloading, torture, torment, beating, or starving of any animal;
- (b) Deprives a pet animal of necessary sustenance or causes such deprivation;
- (c) Mutilates, poisons, or kills without need any animal other than insects, vermin, or other pests; provided that the handling or extermination of any insect, vermin, or other pest is conducted in accordance with standard and acceptable pest control practices and all applicable laws and regulations;
- (d) 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, cock, or other animal, and includes every person who encourages, aids, or assists therein, or who permits or suffers any place to be so kept or used;
- (e) Carries or causes to be carried, in or upon any vehicle or other conveyance, any animal in a cruel or inhumane manner;
- (f) Confines or causes to be confined, in a kennel or cage, any pet animal in a cruel or inhumane manner;
- (g) Tethers, fastens, ties, or restrains a dog to a doghouse, tree, fence, or any other stationary object by means of a choke collar, pinch collar, or prong collar; provided that a person is not prohibited from using such restraints when walking a dog with a hand-held leash or while a dog is engaged in a supervised activity; or
- (h) Assists another in the commission of any act specified in subsections (1)(a) through (1)(g).”

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

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

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

(Became law on July 12, 2011, without the governor's signature, pursuant to Art III, §16, State Constitution.)