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SPONSOR(S): Arnone and Farragher

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SENATE: Economic Growth, Agriculture and Tourism

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1184

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

209th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2000 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman MICHAEL J. ARNONE
District 12 (Monmouth)
Assemblywoman CLARE M. FARRAGHER
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SYNOPSIS

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Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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 - b. Cause or procure any of such acts to be done; or
 - c. Inflict unnecessary cruelty upon a living animal or creature of which he has charge either as owner or otherwise, or unnecessarily fail to provide it with proper food, drink, shelter or protection from the weather, or leave it unattended in a vehicle under inhumane conditions adverse to the health or welfare of the living animal or creature--

19 Shall be guilty of a disorderly persons offense, and notwithstanding 20 the provisions of N.J.S.2C:43-3 to the contrary, for every such offense shall be fined not less than \$250 nor more than \$1,000, or be 21 imprisoned for a term of not more than six months, or both, in the 22 23 discretion of the court. In addition, the court (1) shall impose a term 24 of community service of up to 30 days, and may direct that the term 25 of community service be served in providing assistance to the New 26 Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, a district (county) society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, or any other 27 28 recognized organization concerned with the prevention of cruelty to 29 animals or the humane treatment and care of animals, or to a 30 municipality's animal control or animal population control program; 31 (2) may require the violator to pay restitution or otherwise reimburse 32 any costs for food, drink, shelter, or veterinary care or treatment, or 33 other costs, incurred by any agency, entity, or organization 34 investigating the violation, including but not limited to the New Jersey 35 Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, a district (county) 36 society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, any other recognized 37 organization concerned with the prevention of cruelty to animals or the humane treatment and care of animals, or a local or State 38 39 governmental entity; and (3) may impose any other appropriate 40 penalties established for a disorderly persons offense pursuant to Title 41 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

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(cf: P.L.1996, c.64, s.1)

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- 19 e. Keep, use, be connected with or interested in the management 20 of, or receive money or other consideration for the admission of a 21 person to, a place kept or used for the purpose of fighting or baiting 22 a living animal or creature;
 - f. Be present and witness, pay admission to, encourage, aid or assist in an activity enumerated in subsection "e." of this section;
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- 37 1. Willfully sell, or offer to sell, use, expose, or cause or permit to 38 be sold or offered for sale, used or exposed, a horse or other animal 39 having the disease known as glanders or farcy, or other contagious or 40 infectious disease dangerous to the health or life of human beings or 41 animals, or who shall, when any such disease is beyond recovery, 42 refuse, upon demand, to deprive the animal of life;
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 - p. Use any animal, reptile, or fowl for the purpose of soliciting any alms, collections, contributions, subscriptions, donations, or payment of money except in connection with exhibitions, shows or performances conducted in a bona fide manner by recognized breeders' associations, 4-H clubs or other similar bona fide organizations;
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New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
(cf: P.L.1998, c.105, s.3)
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ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1184

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 23, 2000

The Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1184.

This bill would make leaving an animal unattended in a vehicle under inhumane conditions adverse to the health or welfare of the animal a violation of the civil and criminal provisions of the statutes prohibiting animal cruelty.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2000 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE ECONOMIC GROWTH, AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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DATED: SEPTEMBER 14, 2000

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BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. R.S.4:22-17 is amended to read as follows

Cruelty; disorderly persons offense.

4:22-17. A person who shall:

- a. Overdrive, overload, drive when overloaded, overwork, torture, torment, deprive of necessary sustenance, unnecessarily or cruelly beat or otherwise abuse, or needlessly mutilate or kill, a living animal or creature;
 - b. Cause or procure any of such acts to be done; or
- c. Inflict unnecessary cruelty upon a living animal or creature of which he has charge either as owner or otherwise, or unnecessarily fail to provide it with proper food, drink, shelter or protection from the weather, or leave it unattended in a vehicle under inhumane conditions adverse to the health or welfare of the living animal or creature--

Shall be guilty of a disorderly persons offense, and notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.2C:43-3 to the contrary, for every such offense shall be fined not less than \$250 nor more than \$1,000, or be imprisoned for a term of not more than six months, or both, in the discretion of the court. In addition, the court (1) shall impose a term of community service of up to 30 days, and may direct that the term of community service be served in providing assistance to the New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, a district (county) society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, or any other recognized organization concerned with the prevention of cruelty to animals or the humane treatment and care of animals, or to a municipality's animal control or animal population control program; (2) may require the violator to pay restitution or otherwise reimburse any costs for food, drink, shelter, or veterinary care or treatment, or other costs, incurred by any agency, entity, or organization investigating the violation, including but not limited to the New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, a district (county) society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, any other recognized organization concerned with the prevention of cruelty to animals or the humane treatment and care of animals, or a local or State governmental entity; and (3) may impose any other appropriate penalties established for a disorderly persons offense pursuant to Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

2. R.S.4:22-26 is amended to read as follows:

Penalty for acts constituting cruelty in general.

4:22-26. A person who shall:

- a. Overdrive, overload, drive when overloaded, overwork, torture, torment, deprive of necessary sustenance, or cruelly beat or otherwise abuse or needlessly mutilate or kill a living animal or creature;
- b. Cause or procure to be done by his agent, servant, employee or otherwise an act enumerated in subsection a. of this section;
- c. Inflict unnecessary cruelty upon a living animal or creature of which he has charge or custody either as owner or otherwise, or unnecessarily fail to provide it with proper food, drink, shelter or protection from the weather, or leave it unattended in a vehicle under inhumane conditions adverse to the health or welfare of the living animal or creature;
- d. Receive or offer for sale a horse that is suffering from abuse or neglect, or which by reason of disability, disease, abuse or lameness, or any other cause, could not be worked, ridden or otherwise used for show, exhibition or recreational purposes, or kept as a domestic pet without violating the provisions of this article;
- e. Keep, use, be connected with or interested in the management of, or receive money or other consideration for the admission of a person to, a place kept or used for the purpose of fighting or baiting a living animal or creature;
- f. Be present and witness, pay admission to, encourage, aid or assist in an activity enumerated in subsection e. of this section;
 - g. Permit or suffer a place owned or controlled by him to be used as provided in subsection

e. of this section;

- h. Carry, or cause to be carried, a living animal or creature in or upon a vehicle or otherwise, in a cruel or inhuman manner;
- i. Use a dog or dogs for the purpose of drawing or helping to draw a vehicle for business purposes;
- j. Impound or confine or cause to be impounded or confined in a pound or other place a living animal or creature, and shall fail to supply it during such confinement with a sufficient quantity of good and wholesome food and water;
 - k. Abandon a maimed, sick, infirm or disabled animal or creature to die in a public place;
- 1. Willfully sell, or offer to sell, use, expose, or cause or permit to be sold or offered for sale, used or exposed, a horse or other animal having the disease known as glanders or farcy, or other contagious or infectious disease dangerous to the health or life of human beings or animals, or who shall, when any such disease is beyond recovery, refuse, upon demand, to deprive the animal of life;
- m. Own, operate, manage or conduct a roadside stand or market for the sale of merchandise along a public street or highway; or a shopping mall, or a part of the premises thereof; and keep a living animal or creature confined, or allowed to roam in an area whether or not the area is enclosed, on these premises as an exhibit; except that this subsection shall not be applicable to: a pet shop licensed pursuant to P.L.1941, c.151 (C.4:19-15.1 et seq.); a person who keeps an animal, in a humane manner, for the purpose of the protection of the premises; or a recognized breeders' association, a 4-H club, an educational agricultural program, an equestrian team, a humane society or other similar charitable or nonprofit organization conducting an exhibition, show or performance;
- n. Keep or exhibit a wild animal at a roadside stand or market located along a public street or highway of this State; a gasoline station; or a shopping mall, or a part of the premises thereof;
- o. Sell, offer for sale, barter or give away or display live baby chicks, ducklings or other fowl or rabbits, turtles or chameleons which have been dyed or artificially colored or otherwise treated so as to impart to them an artificial color;
- p. Use any animal, reptile, or fowl for the purpose of soliciting any alms, collections, contributions, subscriptions, donations, or payment of money except in connection with exhibitions, shows or performances conducted in a bona fide manner by recognized breeders' associations, 4-H clubs or other similar bona fide organizations;
- q. Sell or offer for sale, barter, or give away living rabbits, turtles, baby chicks, ducklings or other fowl under two months of age, for use as household or domestic pets;
- r. Sell, offer for sale, barter or give away living baby chicks, ducklings or other fowl, or rabbits, turtles or chameleons under two months of age for any purpose not prohibited by subsection q. of this section and who shall fail to provide proper facilities for the care of such animals;
- s. Artificially mark sheep or cattle, or cause them to be marked, by cropping or cutting off both ears, cropping or cutting either ear more than one inch from the tip end thereof, or half cropping or cutting both ears or either ear more than one inch from the tip end thereof, or who shall have or keep in his possession sheep or cattle, which he claims to own, marked contrary to this subsection unless they were bought in market or of a stranger;
 - t. Abandon a domesticated animal;
- u. For amusement or gain, cause, allow, or permit the fighting or baiting of a living animal or creature;
- v. Own, possess, keep, train, promote, purchase, or knowingly sell a living animal or creature for the purpose of fighting or baiting that animal or creature;
 - w. Gamble on the outcome of a fight involving a living animal or creature;
- x. Knowingly sell or barter or offer for sale or barter, at wholesale or retail, the fur or hair of a domestic dog or cat or any product made in whole or in part from the fur or hair of a domestic dog or cat, unless such fur or hair for sale or barter is from a commercial grooming establishment or a veterinary office or clinic or is for use for scientific research; or
- y. Knowingly sell or barter or offer for sale or barter, at wholesale or retail, for human consumption, the flesh of a domestic dog or cat or any product made in whole or in part from

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the flesh of a domestic dog or cat --

Shall forfeit and pay a sum not to exceed \$250, except in the case of a violation of subsection t. a mandatory sum of \$500, and \$1,000 if the violation occurs on or near a roadway, and in the case of a violation of subsection x. or y. a sum not to exceed \$1,000 for each domestic dog or cat fur or fur or hair product or domestic dog or cat carcass or meat product, to be sued for and recovered, with costs, in a civil action by any person in the name of the New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved December 7, 2000.

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Governor Christie Whitman Today Signed the Following Legislation:

A-1184, sponsored by Assembly Members Arnone (R-Monmouth) and Farragher (R-Monmouth), prohibits leaving animal unattended under inhumane conditions in a vehicle.

A-1140, sponsored by Assembly Members Russo (R-Bergen/Passaic) and Caraballo (D-Essex), enacts the Uniform Partnership Act (1996). This bill enacts the Revised Uniform Partnership Act (RUPA) that was developed by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and has been approved by the American Bar Association. RUPA restructures the fundamentals of partnership law to reflect modern business practices.

A-1410, sponsored by Assembly Member DeCroce (R-Essex/Morris/Passaic), establishes the "Tony Pompelio Scholarship Fund" for the children of crime victims to attend New Jersey public colleges.