

4:22-20

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 4:22-20 (Animals-- abandoning-- increase penalties)

CHAPTER 176

Laws Of: 1986

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Sponsor(s): Randall

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Senate: Natural Resources and Agriculture

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Senate Yes

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ASSEMBLY, No. 635

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1986 SESSION

By Assemblywoman RANDALL

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R. S. 4:22-20.

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2 *of New Jersey:*

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3 or disabled animal or creature to die in a public place, shall be
4 guilty of a **[misdemeanor and punished as provided in section**
5 **4:22-17 of this Title]** *disorderly persons offense.*

6 b. A person who shall abandon a **[dog or cat]** *domesticated ani-*
7 *mal* shall be guilty of a **[misdemeanor and punished as provided in**
8 **section 4:22-17 of this Title]** *disorderly persons offense.*

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

ANIMALS—DOMESTIC

Increases the penalties for abandoning an animal to die in a public
place.

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.
Matter printed in italics thus is new matter.**

ASSEMBLY, No. 635

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel
PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1986 SESSION

By Assemblywoman RANDALL

ASSEMBLY, No. 3787

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 20, 1985

By Assemblywoman RANDALL, Assemblymen FELICE, SCHUBER
and PALAIA

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STATEMENT

This bill increases the fine for abandoning either a maimed, sick, infirm or disabled animal or creature to die in a public place, or a cat or dog. A person violating this statute is subject to a fine of not more than \$250.00 or imprisonment for a term not to exceed six months, or both. This bill would increase the fine to not more than \$1,000.00 and expand the scope of the prohibition to include domesticated animals.

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ASSEMBLY ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 635

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 12, 1986

The Committee favorably reported Assembly Bill No. 635. This bill increases the fine for abandoning maimed, sick, infirm or disabled animals or creatures in a public place, or cats or dogs. A person violating this statute is subject to a fine of not more than \$250.00 or imprisonment for a term not to exceed six months, or both. This bill would increase the fine to not more than \$1,000.00 and expand the scope of the prohibition to include domesticated animals.

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 635

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 6, 1986

The Senate Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee favorably reported Assembly Bill No. 635.

This bill would increase the fine for abandoning either a maimed, sick, infirm or disabled animal or creature to die in a public place, or a cat or dog. Currently, a person violating this statute is subject to a fine of not more than \$250.00 or imprisonment for a term not to exceed six months, or both. This bill would increase the fine to not more than \$1,000.00 and expand the scope of the prohibition to include domesticated animals.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in 1986 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.