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AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to penalties for causing the death of an animal

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new  
2     section 352 to read as follows:

3     S 352. CAUSING THE DEATH OF AN ANIMAL. A PERSON IS GUILTY OF CAUSING  
4     THE DEATH OF AN ANIMAL, WHEN HE OR SHE COMMITS A CRIME UNDER SECTION  
5     THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE OR SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE-A OF THIS  
6     ARTICLE, AND SUCH CONDUCT RESULTS IN THE DEATH OF AN ANIMAL. CAUSING  
7     THE DEATH OF AN ANIMAL IS A CLASS D FELONY.

8     S 2. The opening paragraph of section 353 of the agriculture and  
9     markets law, as amended by chapter 523 of the laws of 2005, is amended  
10    to read as follows:

11    A person who overdrives, overloads, tortures or cruelly beats or  
12    unjustifiably injures, maims, OR mutilates [or kills] any animal, wheth-  
13    er wild or tame, and whether belonging to himself or to another, or  
14    deprives any animal of necessary sustenance, food or drink, or neglects  
15    or refuses to furnish it such sustenance or drink, or causes, procures  
16    or permits any animal to be overdriven, overloaded, tortured, cruelly  
17    beaten, or unjustifiably injured, maimed, mutilated [or killed], or to  
18    be deprived of necessary food or drink, or who wilfully sets on foot,  
19    instigates, engages in, or in any way furthers any act of cruelty to any  
20    animal, or any act tending to produce such cruelty, is guilty of a class  
21    A misdemeanor and for purposes of paragraph (b) of subdivision one of  
22    section 160.10 of the criminal procedure law, shall be treated as a  
23    misdemeanor defined in the penal law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1     S 3. Subdivision 1 of section 353-a of the agriculture and markets  
2 law, as added by chapter 118 of the laws of 1999, is amended to read as  
3 follows:  
4     1. A person is guilty of aggravated cruelty to animals when, with no  
5 justifiable purpose, he or she [intentionally kills or] intentionally  
6 causes serious physical injury to a companion animal with aggravated  
7 cruelty. For purposes of this section, "aggravated cruelty" shall mean  
8 conduct which: (i) is intended to cause extreme physical pain; or (ii)  
9 is done or carried out in an especially depraved or sadistic manner.  
10     S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.