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Introduced by Sens. TEDISCO, ADDABBO, AKSHAR, AMEDORE, BOYLE, BRESLIN, BROOKS, HELMING, KENNEDY, LANZA, O'MARA, RANZENHOFER, RITCHIE, ROBACH, SANDERS, SEPULVEDA, SEWARD -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to expanding the definition of aggravated cruelty to animals to include harm to animals during the commission of a felony

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Kirby and Quigley's Law".
 - § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 353-a of the agriculture and markets law, as added by chapter 118 of the laws of 1999, is amended to read as follows:
- 1. A person is guilty of aggravated cruelty to animals when $[\tau]$: either (a) with no justifiable purpose, he or she intentionally kills or intentionally causes serious physical injury, as defined in subdivision 9 twenty-nine of section one hundred eight of this chapter, to a companion 10 animal with aggravated cruelty[-]; or
- (b) in the course of commission of a felony, or of immediate flight 11 12 therefrom, he or she causes intentional physical injury, as defined in 13 subdivision twenty-eight of section one hundred eight of this chapter, 14 or death to a companion animal.
- 15 For purposes of this section, "aggravated cruelty" shall mean conduct 16 which: (i) is intended to cause extreme physical pain; or (ii) is done 17 or carried out in an especially depraved or sadistic manner.
- 18 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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