

STATE OF NEW YORK

9231

IN SENATE

February 18, 2026

Introduced by Sen. SCARCELLA-SPANTON -- read twice and ordered printed,
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to authorizing
bail for principals charged with aggravated cruelty to animals

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (u) of subdivision 4 of section 510.10 of the
2 criminal procedure law, as added by section 2 of subpart B of part UU of
3 chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, is amended and a new paragraph (v) is
4 added to read as follows:

5 (u) criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree as defined in
6 subdivision three of section 265.02 of the penal law or criminal sale of
7 a firearm to a minor as defined in section 265.16 of the penal law~~[-]~~;
8 or

9 (v) aggravated cruelty to animals as defined in section three hundred
10 fifty-three-a of the agriculture and markets law.

11 § 2. Subparagraph (xxi) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section
12 530.20 of the criminal procedure law, as added by section 4 of subpart C
13 of part UU of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, is amended and a new
14 subparagraph (xxii) is added to read as follows:

15 (xxi) criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree as defined
16 in subdivision three of section 265.02 of the penal law or criminal sale
17 of a firearm to a minor as defined in section 265.16 of the penal
18 law~~[-]~~; or

19 (xxii) aggravated cruelty to animals as defined in section three
20 hundred fifty-three-a of the agriculture and markets law.

21 § 3. Paragraph (u) of subdivision 4 of section 530.40 of the criminal
22 procedure law, as added by section 4 of subpart B of part UU of chapter
23 56 of the laws of 2022, is amended and a new paragraph (v) is added to
24 read as follows:

25 (u) criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree as defined in
26 subdivision three of section 265.02 of the penal law or criminal sale of
27 a firearm to a minor as defined in section 265.16 of the penal law~~[-]~~;
28 or

29 (v) aggravated cruelty to animals as defined in section three hundred
30 fifty-three-a of the agriculture and markets law.

31 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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