



General Assembly

January Session, 2003

**Committee Bill No. 6038**

LCO No. 4825

Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONFINEMENT AND TETHERING OF DOGS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 53-247 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2003*):

4 (a) Any person who overdrives, drives when overloaded,  
5 overworks, tortures, deprives of necessary sustenance, mutilates or  
6 cruelly beats or kills or unjustifiably injures any animal, or who,  
7 having impounded or confined any animal, fails to give such animal  
8 proper care or neglects to cage or restrain any such animal from doing  
9 injury to itself or to another animal or fails to supply any such animal  
10 with wholesome air, food and water, or confines or tethers such animal  
11 for an unreasonable period of time or unjustifiably administers any  
12 poisonous or noxious drug or substance to any domestic animal or  
13 unjustifiably exposes any such drug or substance, with intent that the  
14 same shall be taken by an animal, or causes it to be done, or, having  
15 charge or custody of any animal, inflicts cruelty upon it or fails to  
16 provide it with proper food, drink or protection from the weather or

17 abandons it or carries it or causes it to be carried in a cruel manner, or  
18 fights with or baits, harasses or worries any animal for the purpose of  
19 making it perform for amusement, diversion or exhibition, shall be  
20 fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than  
21 one year or both.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a penalty for the prolonged tethering and confinement of animals.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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