



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5604**

LCO No. 2124

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING SHELTER FOR ANIMALS.**

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  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, 2004*):

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 unjustifiably administers any  
11 poisonous or noxious drug or substance to any domestic animal or  
12 unjustifiably exposes any such drug or substance, with intent that the  
13 same shall be taken by an animal, or causes it to be done, or, having  
14 charge or custody of any animal, inflicts cruelty upon it or fails to  
15 provide it with proper food, drink or protection from the weather or  
16 abandons it or carries it or causes it to be carried in a cruel manner, or  
17 fights with or baits, harasses or worries any animal for the purpose of

18 making it perform for amusement, diversion or exhibition, shall be  
19 fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than  
20 one year or both. For the purposes of this subsection, proper protection  
21 from the weather shall be determined by the characteristics of the  
22 animal, and may require the provision of housing or other shelter  
23 having specific features in order to maintain the animal without  
24 significant discomfort or danger.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2004

***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide that the requirement of providing an animal with proper protection from the weather shall be determined by the characteristics of the animal and may require the provision of housing or other shelter.

*[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.]*