



Substitute Senate Bill No. 516

Public Act No. 05-72

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR CRUELTY TO PERSONS.

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

Section 1. Section 53-20 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

(a) (1) Any person who intentionally tortures, torments [,] or cruelly or unlawfully punishes [or wilfully or negligently] another person or intentionally deprives [any] another person of necessary food, clothing, shelter or proper physical care [; and any] shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than five years or both.

(2) Any person who, with criminal negligence, deprives another person of necessary food, clothing, shelter or proper physical care shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or both.

(b) (1) Any person who, having the control and custody of any child under the age of [sixteen] nineteen years, in any capacity whatsoever, intentionally maltreats, tortures, overworks [,] or cruelly or unlawfully punishes such child or [wilfully or negligently] intentionally deprives such child of necessary food, clothing [,] or shelter shall be fined not

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more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than five years or both.

(2) Any person who, having the control and custody of any child under the age of nineteen years, in any capacity whatsoever, with criminal negligence, deprives such child of necessary food, clothing or shelter shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or both.

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