



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 516**

LCO No. 4138

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR CRUELTY TO PERSONS.***

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

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 Section 53-20 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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

3 (a) Any person who tortures, torments, cruelly or unlawfully  
4 punishes or wilfully or negligently deprives any person of necessary  
5 food, clothing, shelter or proper physical care [; and any] shall be fined  
6 not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than one  
7 year or both, except that if such other person is sixty years of age or  
8 older, is blind or physically disabled, as defined in section 1-1f, or is a  
9 person with mental retardation, as defined in section 1-1g, such person  
10 shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars and imprisoned for  
11 one year, which term of imprisonment shall not be suspended or  
12 reduced.

13 (b) Any person who, having the control and custody of any child  
14 under the age of sixteen years, in any capacity whatsoever, maltreats,  
15 tortures, overworks, cruelly or unlawfully punishes or wilfully or  
16 negligently deprives such child of necessary food, clothing [,] or

17 shelter shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or  
18 imprisoned not more than one year or both.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2005	53-20

**Statement of Purpose:**

To ensure that a person who abuses another person who is elderly, blind, disabled or mentally retarded receives appropriate punishment.

*[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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