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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

**"AN ACT CONCERNING DAMAGE BY ROAMING LIVESTOCK AND DOGS."**

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1      After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2      internal references accordingly:

3      "Sec. 501. Section 53-247 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4      following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

5      (a) Any person who overdrives, drives when overloaded,  
6      overworks, tortures, deprives of necessary sustenance, mutilates or  
7      cruelly beats or kills or unjustifiably injures any animal, or who,  
8      having impounded or confined any animal, fails to give such animal  
9      proper care or neglects to cage or restrain any such animal from doing  
10     injury to itself or to another animal or fails to supply any such animal  
11     with wholesome air, food and water, 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.

22 (b) Any person who maliciously and intentionally maims, mutilates,  
23 tortures, wounds or kills an animal shall be fined not more than five  
24 thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than five years or both. The  
25 provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any licensed  
26 veterinarian while following accepted standards of practice of the  
27 profession or to any person while following approved methods of  
28 slaughter under section 22-272a, while performing medical research as  
29 an employee of, student in or person associated with any hospital,  
30 educational institution or laboratory, while following generally  
31 accepted agricultural practices or while lawfully engaged in the taking  
32 of wildlife.

33 (c) Any person who knowingly (1) owns, possesses, keeps or trains  
34 an animal engaged in an exhibition of fighting for amusement or gain,  
35 (2) possesses, keeps or trains an animal with the intent that it be  
36 engaged in an exhibition of fighting for amusement or gain, (3) permits  
37 an act described in subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection to take place  
38 on premises under [his] the person's control, (4) acts as judge or  
39 spectator at an exhibition of animal fighting for amusement or gain, or  
40 (5) bets or wagers on the outcome of an exhibition of animal fighting  
41 for amusement or gain, shall be fined not more than five thousand  
42 dollars or imprisoned not more than five years or both.

43 (d) Any person who intentionally injures any animal while such  
44 animal is in the performance of its duties under the supervision of a  
45 peace officer, as defined in section 53a-3, [or] intentionally injures a  
46 dog that is a member of a volunteer canine search and rescue team, as

47 defined in section 5-249, while such dog is in the performance of its  
48 duties under the supervision of the active individual member of such  
49 team, or intentionally injures a dog that is licensed as required under  
50 section 22-345 and trained and educated to guide and assist a person,  
51 while such dog is guiding and assisting such person, shall be fined not  
52 more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than five  
53 years or both.

54 (e) Any person who intentionally kills any animal while such  
55 animal is in the performance of its duties under the supervision of a  
56 peace officer, as defined in section 53a-3, [or] intentionally kills a dog  
57 that is a member of a volunteer canine search and rescue team, as  
58 defined in section 5-249, while such dog is in the performance of its  
59 duties under the supervision of the active individual member of such  
60 team, or intentionally kills a dog that is licensed as required under  
61 section 22-345 and trained and educated to guide and assist a person,  
62 while such dog is guiding and assisting such person, shall be fined not  
63 more than ten thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than ten years  
64 or both."