



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6591**

January Session, 2013



**AN ACT REQUIRING THE EUTHANIZATION OF ANY CAT OR DOG TO BE PERFORMED BY A LICENSED VETERINARIAN.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding any  
2 provision of the general statutes, whenever any cat or dog is  
3 euthanized, such euthanization shall be performed in a humane  
4 manner by a licensed veterinarian, provided nothing in this section  
5 shall be construed to limit the euthanization of any cat or dog while  
6 such cat or dog is attacking a person or another animal under  
7 circumstances where a reasonable person would consider such attack  
8 life-threatening to a person or another animal or likely to cause serious  
9 physical injury to a person or another animal. Nothing in this section  
10 shall be deemed to apply to the euthanization of any farm animal or  
11 livestock or to the euthanization of any cat or dog by any law  
12 enforcement officer in the course of his or her duties.

13 (b) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be  
14 fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than  
15 one year, or both.

16 (c) It shall be a defense to prosecution under this section that such  
17 person euthanized such cat or dog with a life-threatening injury in  
18 order to prevent such cat's or dog's further suffering.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**PH**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*