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Bill HB 6187 An act concerning court proceedings and the protection of animals (Desmond's law).

I support this bill, as from my experience, animal cruelty cases end in court either with a slap on the wrist for the abuser and/or AR.

**Charges for animal cruelty and neglect should be taken much more seriously than they currently are. Animal Cruelty and neglect should be handled for what it is, a serious crime. No AR should be granted.**

I brought several well prepared cases to court (GA 19) and was often disappointed by the outcome. These were cases of severe neglect and the perpetrators got away with light sentences. There were often children in the home as well. There is a proven link between violence in animals and people.

I have been an animal control officer for the town of Mansfield since 1999.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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