



General Assembly

January Session, 2015

**Committee Bill No. 361**

LCO No. 4925



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR PERSONS  
CONVICTED OF MALICIOUS AND INTENTIONAL ANIMAL CRUELTY.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 53-247 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2015*):

4 (b) Any person who maliciously and intentionally maims, mutilates,  
5 tortures, wounds or kills an animal shall, for a first offense, be [guilty  
6 of a class D felony] imprisoned not more than seven years or fined not  
7 more than five thousand dollars, or both, and, for any subsequent  
8 offense, be guilty of a class C felony. The provisions of this subsection  
9 shall not apply to any licensed veterinarian while following accepted  
10 standards of practice of the profession or to any person while  
11 following approved methods of slaughter under section 22-272a, while  
12 performing medical research as an employee of, student in or person  
13 associated with any hospital, educational institution or laboratory,  
14 while following generally accepted agricultural practices or while  
15 lawfully engaged in the taking of wildlife.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2015	53-247(b)
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To adopt the same penalties for malicious and intentional animal cruelty as the state of Massachusetts.

*[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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