



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5147

February Session, 2016

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AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES 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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*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, 2016*):

4 (b) Any person who maliciously and intentionally maims, mutilates,
5 tortures, wounds or kills an animal shall, (1) for a first offense, be
6 guilty of a class D felony, and (2) for any subsequent offense, be guilty
7 of a class C felony. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to
8 any licensed veterinarian while following accepted standards of
9 practice of the profession or to any person while following approved
10 methods of slaughter under section 22-272a, while performing medical
11 research as an employee of, student in or person associated with any
12 hospital, educational institution or laboratory, while following
13 generally accepted agricultural practices or while lawfully engaged in
14 the taking of wildlife.

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

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	53-247(b)
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