

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 5147**

LCO No. 2077

**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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  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, for a first offense, be guilty  
6 of: [a] (1) A class D felony, and (2) for any subsequent offense, be  
7 guilty of a class C felony. The provisions of this subsection shall not  
8 apply to any licensed veterinarian while following accepted standards  
9 of practice of the profession or to any person while following  
10 approved methods of slaughter under section 22-272a, while  
11 performing medical research as an employee of, student in or person  
12 associated with any hospital, educational institution or laboratory,  
13 while following generally accepted agricultural practices or while  
14 lawfully engaged in 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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