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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF DOGS,
CATS AND RABBITS AT PET SHOPS THAT ARE NOT FROM
ANIMAL WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 53-247 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

5 (a) Any person who overdrives, drives when overloaded,
6 overworks, tortures, deprives of necessary sustenance, mutilates or
7 cruelly beats or kills or unjustifiably injures any animal, or who,
8 having impounded or confined any animal, fails to give such animal
9 proper care or neglects to cage or restrain any such animal from doing
10 injury to itself or to another animal or fails to supply any such animal
11 with wholesome air, food and water, or unjustifiably administers any

12 poisonous or noxious drug or substance to any domestic animal or
13 unjustifiably exposes any such drug or substance, with intent that the
14 same shall be taken by an animal, or causes it to be done, or, having
15 charge or custody of any animal, inflicts cruelty upon it or fails to
16 provide it with proper food, drink or protection from the weather or
17 abandons it or carries it or causes it to be carried in a cruel manner, or
18 fights with or baits, harasses or worries any animal for the purpose of
19 making it perform for amusement, diversion or exhibition, shall, for a
20 first offense, be fined not more than one thousand dollars or
21 imprisoned not more than one year or both, and for each subsequent
22 offense, shall be guilty of a class D felony.

23 (b) Any person who maliciously and intentionally maims, mutilates,
24 tortures, wounds or kills an animal shall, (1) for a first offense, be
25 guilty of a class D felony, and (2) for any subsequent offense, be guilty
26 of a class C felony. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to
27 any licensed veterinarian while following accepted standards of
28 practice of the profession or to any person while following approved
29 methods of slaughter under section 22-272a, while performing medical
30 research as an employee of, student in or person associated with any
31 hospital, educational institution or laboratory, while following
32 generally accepted agricultural practices or while lawfully engaged in
33 the taking of wildlife.

34 (c) Any person who knowingly (1) owns, possesses, keeps or trains
35 an animal engaged in an exhibition of fighting for amusement or gain,
36 (2) possesses, keeps or trains an animal with the intent that it be
37 engaged in an exhibition of fighting for amusement or gain, (3) permits
38 an act described in subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection to take place
39 on premises under his control, (4) acts as judge or spectator at an
40 exhibition of animal fighting for amusement or gain, or (5) bets or
41 wagers on the outcome of an exhibition of animal fighting for
42 amusement or gain, shall be guilty of a class D felony.

43 (d) Any person who possesses, owns, buys, sells, transfers or
44 manufactures animal fighting paraphernalia with the intent to engage

45 in, wager upon, promote, facilitate or further an exhibition of animal
 46 fighting shall be guilty of a class E felony. For purposes of this section,
 47 "animal fighting paraphernalia" means any equipment, product,
 48 implement or material of any kind that is used, intended for use or
 49 designed for use in the training, preparation, conditioning or
 50 furtherance of animal fighting, including, but not limited to, breaking
 51 sticks, cat mills, jennies, treadmills, fighting pits, spring poles, jump
 52 poles, flirt poles, unprescribed veterinary medicine, gaffs or slashers or
 53 heels, or any other sharp implement designed to be attached in place
 54 of the natural spur of a cock or game fowl.

55 [(d)] (e) Any person who intentionally injures any animal while
 56 such animal is in the performance of its duties under the supervision
 57 of a peace officer, as defined in section 53a-3, or intentionally injures a
 58 dog that is a member of a volunteer canine search and rescue team, as
 59 defined in section 5-249, while such dog is in the performance of its
 60 duties under the supervision of the active individual member of such
 61 team, shall be guilty of a class D felony.

62 [(e)] (f) Any person who intentionally kills any animal while such
 63 animal is in the performance of its duties under the supervision of a
 64 peace officer, as defined in section 53a-3, or intentionally kills a dog
 65 that is a member of a volunteer canine search and rescue team, as
 66 defined in section 5-249, while such dog is in the performance of its
 67 duties under the supervision of the active individual member of such
 68 team, shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars or imprisoned
 69 not more than ten years, or both."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	53-247