



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5851**

LCO No. 2945



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:

REP. BORER, 115th Dist.

REP. FISHBEIN, 90th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING ANIMAL CRUELTY.**

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to: (1) Provide that any person  
2 convicted of a violation of section 53-247 or subdivision (3) of subsection  
3 (a) of section 53a-73a of the general statutes shall not harbor, own,  
4 possess, exercise control over, adopt, be in the sole presence of or foster,  
5 an animal, domesticated or otherwise; or engage in an occupation,  
6 whether paid or unpaid, or participate in a volunteer position at any  
7 establishment where animals, domesticated or otherwise are reasonably  
8 anticipated to be present; (2) define the term "bestiality" to include  
9 brutalizing animals by sexual assault with an object, coercion of others  
10 to have sex and the creation and distribution of pornographic images of  
11 the prohibited sexual contact with an animal, domesticated or  
12 otherwise; (3) permit a court to prohibit individuals who are convicted  
13 of a violation of section 53-247 or subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of  
14 section 53a-73a of the general statutes from having future intentional  
15 contact with animals, domesticated or otherwise; and (4) require that

16 veterinarians report instances of animal abuse to appropriate  
17 authorities, with civil immunity for veterinarians who make good faith  
18 reports of suspected animal abuse.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To revise statutes relating to animal cruelty.