

1 H.744

2 Introduced by Representatives Klein of East Montpelier, Andrews of Rutland
3 City, Lanpher of Vergennes, Mitchell of Barnard, Nuovo of
4 Middlebury, Till of Jericho, Turner of Milton and Weston of
5 Burlington

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Crimes; humane and proper treatment of animals

9 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require that debarking, tail
10 docking, and surgical birth procedures on dogs be performed only by licensed
11 veterinarians and with the animal under general anesthesia.

12 An act relating to requiring that certain surgical procedures on dogs be
13 performed by a licensed veterinarian

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 351 is amended to read:

16 § 351. DEFINITIONS

17 As used in this chapter:

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19 (19) “Debarking” means cutting of a dog’s vocal cords or altering any
20 part of a dog’s resonance chamber.

