

1 S.166

2 Introduced by Senator Illuzzi

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Criminal procedure; humane and proper treatment of animals;
6 restitution

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to authorize municipalities and
8 kennel owners to receive restitution payments from the restitution unit for
9 expenses incurred caring for animals seized because of the owner's violation of
10 animal cruelty laws.

11 An act relating to restitution in animal cruelty cases

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

13 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 354 is amended to read:

14 § 354. ENFORCEMENT; POSSESSION OF ABUSED ANIMAL;

15 SEARCHES AND SEIZURES; FORFEITURE

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17 (g)(1) If the defendant is convicted of criminal charges under this chapter
18 or if an order of forfeiture is entered against an owner under this section;

1 forfeiture is entered against an owner of the animal under that section or if the
2 owner is convicted of criminal charges under chapter 8 of this title.

3 (2) For purposes of this section, “material loss” means uninsured
4 property loss, uninsured out-of-pocket monetary loss, uninsured lost wages,
5 ~~and~~ uninsured medical expenses, and the reasonable costs, including veterinary
6 expenses, incurred by the custodial caregiver for caring for an animal seized
7 pursuant to section 354 of this title.

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9 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on passage.