

1 S.126

2 Introduced by Senators White, Ashe, Ayer, Cummings, Flory, Fox, and

3 Hartwell

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Crimes and criminal procedure; humane and proper treatment of

7 animals; surgical procedures; licensed veterinarian

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require that  
9 debarking, tail docking, ear cropping, and surgical birth procedures on dogs be  
10 performed only by a licensed veterinarian and with appropriate anesthesia and  
11 analgesia.

12 An act relating to the requirement that certain surgical procedures on dogs  
13 be performed by a licensed veterinarian with appropriate anesthesia and  
14 analgesia

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

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

17 § 351. DEFINITIONS

18 As used in this chapter:

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

