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1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2	The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred Senate Bill No. 12
3	entitled "An act relating to increasing the maximum prison sentence for first,
4	second, and subsequent offenses of aggravated animal cruelty" respectfully
5	reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill be
6	amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu
7	thereof the following:
8	Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. chapter 8 is amended to read:
9	CHAPTER 8. HUMANE AND PROPER TREATMENT OF ANIMALS
10	Subchapter 1. Cruelty to Animals
11	* * *
12	§ 352a. AGGRAVATED CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
13	A person commits the crime of aggravated cruelty to animals if the person:
14	(1) kills an animal by intentionally causing the animal undue pain or
15	suffering;
16	(2) intentionally, maliciously, and without just cause tortures, mutilates,
17	or cruelly beats an animal; or
18	(3) intentionally injures or kills an animal that is in the performance of
19	official duties while under the supervision of a law enforcement officer.
20	§ 353. DEGREE OF OFFENSE; SENTENCING UPON CONVICTION
21	(a) Penalties.

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1	(1) Except as provided in subdivision (3) or (4) of this subsection,
2	cruelty to animals under section 352 of this title shall be punishable by a
3	sentence of imprisonment of not more than one year, or a fine of not more than
4	\$2,000.00, or both. Second and subsequent convictions shall be punishable by
5	a sentence of imprisonment of not more than two years or a fine of not more
6	than \$5,000.00, or both.
7	(2) Aggravated cruelty under section 352a of this title shall be
8	punishable by a sentence of imprisonment of not more than three five years or
9	a fine of not more than \$5,000.00, or both. Second and subsequent offenses
10	shall be punishable by a sentence of imprisonment of not more than five ten
11	years or a fine of not more than \$7,500.00, or both.
12	* * *
13	Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
14	This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.
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16	(Committee vote:)
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18	Senator
19	FOR THE COMMITTEE