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2 Senator Sears moves that the bill be amended after Sec. 10 by inserting a  
3 reader assistance to read \* \* \* Humane and Proper Treatment of Animals \* \* \*  
4 and by adding a Sec. 10a as follows:

5 Sec. 10a. 13 V.S.A. chapter 8 is amended to read:

6 CHAPTER 8. HUMANE AND PROPER TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

7 Subchapter 1. Cruelty to Animals

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9 § 352a. AGGRAVATED CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

10 A person commits the crime of aggravated cruelty to animals if the person:

11 (1) kills an animal by intentionally causing the animal undue pain or  
12 suffering;

13 (2) intentionally, maliciously, and without just cause tortures, mutilates,  
14 or cruelly beats an animal; or

15 (3) intentionally injures or kills an animal that is in the performance of  
16 official duties while under the supervision of a law enforcement officer.

17 § 353. DEGREE OF OFFENSE; SENTENCING UPON CONVICTION

18 (a) Penalties.

19 (1) Except as provided in subdivision (3) or (4) of this subsection,  
20 cruelty to animals under section 352 of this title shall be punishable by a  
21 sentence of imprisonment of not more than one year, or a fine of not more than

