

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

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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.

