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SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representative Krasnow of South Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Crimes; animal cruelty; penalties

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to supplement the penalties and crimes related to animal cruelty. Specifically, this bill proposes to require that a person convicted of animal cruelty or aggravated animal cruelty be dispossessed of any animal in the person’s possession and be prohibited from possessing or owning any animal in the future. Further, this bill proposes to introduce the concept of “coercive control” within the animal cruelty context. As a result, this bill proposes that persons who commit or threaten to commit animal cruelty upon an animal to influence a victim of domestic abuse may face additional criminal penalties.

An act relating to animal cruelty crimes and penalties

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

(TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)