

## Session 113 - (1999-2000)

### **H 3585 General Bill, By J. Smith, Lourie and Altman**

**Summary:** Animals, ill-treatment of; certain offenses changed to felony and penalties increased; Crimes and Offenses

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-1-60, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO VIOLENT CRIMES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ILL-TREATMENT OF ANIMALS IS A VIOLENT CRIME; TO AMEND SECTION 47-1-40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO ILL-TREATMENT OF ANIMALS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE OFFENSE OF TORTURING, TORMENTING, NEEDLESSLY MUTILATING, CRUELLY KILLING, OR INFILCTING EXCESSIVE OR REPEATED UNNECESSARY PAIN OR SUFFERING UPON ANY ANIMAL FROM A MISDEMEANOR TO A FELONY, AND TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.

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