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H 5090 General Bill, By Martin, Pope, T. Moore, Guffey, Sanders, Rankin, Gilliam, W. Newton, Neese, McDaniel, Lawson, McGinnis, Crawford, Guest and Hardee

Summary: Cruelty to animals

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT "RILEY'S ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 47-1-40, RELATING TO THE ILL-TREATMENT OF ANIMALS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 47-1-50, RELATING TO THE ILL-TREATMENT OF ANIMALS, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 47-1-60, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL CUTTING OF MUSCLES OF TAILS OF HORSES, ASSES, MULES, MARES, OR GELDINGS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 47-1-110, RELATING TO VIOLATIONS OF SECTIONS 47-1-90 AND 47-1-100, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 47-1-125, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL COLORING, DYING, OR SALE OF CERTAIN ANIMALS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 47-1-200, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TRANSFER OF ANIMALS AND IMPORTATION OR EXPORTATION OF DOGS OR CATS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 47-1-210, RELATING TO UNLAWFULLY OFFERING LIVE ANIMALS AS PRIZES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES; BY ADDING SECTION 47-1-220 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL POST ON ITS WEBSITE THE NAMES OF PERSONS CONVICTED OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS CRIMES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 47-1-230 SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS CONVICTED OF MISDEMEANORS CONTAINED IN THIS CHAPTER MAY BE PROHIBITED FROM OWNING OR POSSESSING ANIMALS, AND TO PROVIDE PERSONS CONVICTED OF FELONIES CONTAINED IN THIS CHAPTER MUST BE PROHIBITED FROM OWNING OR POSSESSING ANIMALS.

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