

## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2017 and 2018 HB3438

by Rep. Fred Crespo

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

510 ILCS 70/3.01 510 ILCS 70/3.02 from Ch. 8, par. 703.01

Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act. Provides that in certain offenses involving injury to companion animals, except for a State licensed veterinary hospital, humane society, animal shelter, or kennel, the convicted individual shall pay the owner of the companion animal 3 times the value of the immediate, completed, or ongoing veterinary treatment related to the injury of the companion animal.

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1 AN ACT concerning animals.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Humane Care for Animals Act is amended by changing Sections 3.01 and 3.02 as follows:
- 6 (510 ILCS 70/3.01) (from Ch. 8, par. 703.01)
- 7 Sec. 3.01. Cruel treatment.
- 8 (a) No person or owner may beat, cruelly treat, torment, 9 starve, overwork or otherwise abuse any animal.
- 10 (b) No owner may abandon any animal where it may become a public charge or may suffer injury, hunger or exposure.
  - (c) No owner of a dog or cat that is a companion animal may expose the dog or cat in a manner that places the dog or cat in a life-threatening situation for a prolonged period of time in extreme heat or cold conditions that:
- 16 (1) results in injury to or death of the animal; or
- 17 (2) results in hypothermia, hyperthermia, frostbite,
  18 or similar condition as diagnosed by a doctor of veterinary
  19 medicine.
- 20 (c-5) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit an animal from 21 being impounded in an emergency situation under subsection (b) 22 of Section 12 of this Act.
- 23 (d) A person convicted of violating this Section is guilty

of a Class A misdemeanor. A second or subsequent conviction for 1 2 a violation of this Section is a Class 4 felony. In addition to 3 any other penalty provided by law, a person who is convicted of violating subsection (a) upon a companion animal in the 4 5 presence of a child, as defined in Section 12-0.1 of the Criminal Code of 2012, shall be subject to a fine of \$250 and 6 7 ordered to perform community service for not less than 100 8 hours. In addition to any other penalty provided by law, upon 9 conviction for violating this Section, the court may order the 10 convicted person to undergo a psychological or psychiatric 11 evaluation and to undergo any treatment at the convicted 12 person's expense that the court determines to be appropriate 13 after due consideration of the evidence. If the convicted 14 person is a juvenile or a companion animal hoarder, the court 15 must order the convicted person to undergo a psychological or 16 psychiatric evaluation and to undergo treatment that the court 17 determines to be appropriate after due consideration of the evaluation. A person convicted of subsection (c), except for a 18 State licensed veterinary hospital, humane society, animal 19 20 shelter, or kennel, shall pay the owner of the companion animal 3 times the value of the immediate, completed, or ongoing 21 22 veterinary treatment related to the inquiry of the companion 23 animal.

- 24 (Source: P.A. 99-311, eff. 1-1-16; 99-357, eff. 1-1-16; 99-642,
- 25 eff. 7-28-16; 99-782, eff. 8-12-16.)

- 1 (510 ILCS 70/3.02)
- 2 Sec. 3.02. Aggravated cruelty.
  - (a) No person may intentionally commit an act that causes a companion animal to suffer serious injury or death. Aggravated cruelty does not include euthanasia of a companion animal through recognized methods approved by the Department of Agriculture unless prohibited under subsection (b).
    - (b) No individual, except a licensed veterinarian as exempted under Section 3.09, may knowingly or intentionally euthanize or authorize the euthanasia of a companion animal by use of carbon monoxide.
    - (c) A person convicted of violating Section 3.02 is guilty of a Class 4 felony. A second or subsequent violation is a Class 3 felony. In addition to any other penalty provided by law, upon conviction for violating this Section, the court may order the convicted person to undergo a psychological or psychiatric evaluation and to undergo any treatment at the convicted person's expense that the court determines to be appropriate after due consideration of the evaluation. If the convicted person is a juvenile or a companion animal hoarder, the court must order the convicted person to undergo a psychological or psychiatric evaluation and to undergo treatment that the court determines to be appropriate after due consideration of the evaluation. A person convicted of this Section, except for a State licensed veterinary hospital, humane society, animal shelter, or kennel, shall pay the owner

- of the companion animal 3 times the value of the immediate,
- 2 <u>completed</u>, or ongoing veterinary treatment related to the
- 3 inquiry of the companion animal.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 96-780, eff. 8-28-09.)