

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2017 and 2018 HB4380

by Rep. Allen Skillicorn

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

510 ILCS 70/3.01

from Ch. 8, par. 703.01

Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act. Provides that 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 of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or above or cold conditions of 20 degrees Fahrenheit or below that could: (1) result in injury to or death of the animal; or (2) result in hypothermia, hyperthermia, frostbite, or similar condition as diagnosed by a doctor of veterinary medicine.

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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 Section 3.01 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.
- 12 (c) No owner of a dog or cat that is a companion animal may
 13 expose the dog or cat in a manner that places the dog or cat in
 14 a life-threatening situation for a prolonged period of time in
 15 extreme heat of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or above or cold
 16 conditions of 20 degrees Fahrenheit or below that could:
- 17 (1) <u>result</u> results in injury to or death of the animal;
 18 or
- 19 (2) <u>result</u> <u>results</u> in hypothermia, hyperthermia,
 20 frostbite, or similar condition as diagnosed by a doctor of
 21 veterinary medicine.
- 22 (c-5) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit an animal from 23 being impounded in an emergency situation under subsection (b)

of Section 12 of this Act.

- 2 (d) A person convicted of violating this Section is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. A second or subsequent conviction for 3 a violation of this Section is a Class 4 felony. In addition to any other penalty provided by law, a person who is convicted of 5 6 violating subsection (a) upon a companion animal in the 7 presence of a child, as defined in Section 12-0.1 of the 8 Criminal Code of 2012, shall be subject to a fine of \$250 and 9 ordered to perform community service for not less than 100 10 hours. In addition to any other penalty provided by law, upon 11 conviction for violating this Section, the court may order the 12 convicted person to undergo a psychological or psychiatric 13 evaluation and to undergo any treatment at the convicted 14 person's expense that the court determines to be appropriate after due consideration of the evidence. If the convicted 15 16 person is a juvenile or a companion animal hoarder, the court 17 must order the convicted person to undergo a psychological or psychiatric evaluation and to undergo treatment that the court 18 determines to be appropriate after due consideration of the 19 20 evaluation.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 99-311, eff. 1-1-16; 99-357, eff. 1-1-16; 99-642,
- 22 eff. 7-28-16; 99-782, eff. 8-12-16.)