

HB 1418 -- PENALTIES FOR ANIMAL ABUSE

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This bill increases the penalty for animal abuse from a class A misdemeanor to a class E felony. In instances where the defendant has been previously found guilty of animal abuse or where the defendant has been found guilty of consciously torturing or mutilating an animal while it was alive, the penalty is increased from a class E felony to a class D felony.