SENATE FILE NO. SF0033

Cruelty to animals-penalties.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Gierau

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; amending penalties

2 for the offenses of cruelty to animals and aggravated cruelty

3 to animals as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-3-203(e) and (n) is amended to read:

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9 6-3-203. Cruelty to animals; penalties; limitation on

10 manner of destruction.

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12 (e) Unless punishable under subsection (n) of this

13 section, a violation of this section is a misdemeanor

14 punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months,

a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00)

16 <u>two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00)</u>, or both except

1 that a subsequent offense is a high misdemeanor punishable by

2 not more than one (1) year imprisonment, a fine of not more

3 than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) ten thousand dollars

 $4 \frac{(\$10,000.00)}{0}$, or both.

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6 (n) A person commits a felony if he commits aggravated

7 cruelty to animals as defined in subsection (c) of this

8 section or knowingly and with intent to cause death, injury

9 or undue suffering, cruelly beats, tortures, torments,

10 injures or mutilates an animal resulting in the death or

11 required euthanasia of the animal. A felony under this

12 subsection or subsection (c) of this section is punishable by

13 not more than two (2) years imprisonment, a fine of not more

14 than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) ten thousand dollars

15 (\$10,000.00), or both.

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17 Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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19 (END)