

SB0045



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 1/13/2025, by Sen. Rachel Ventura

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

510 ILCS 70/3.01

from Ch. 8, par. 703.01

Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act. Provides that no person may intentionally drag or pull any bovine by its tail by any means for the purpose of entertainment, sport, practice, or contest.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning animals.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Humane Care for Animals Act is amended by
5 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 (a-5) No person may intentionally drag or pull any bovine
11 by its tail by any means for the purpose of entertainment,
12 sport, practice, or contest.

13 (b) No owner may abandon any animal where it may become a
14 public charge or may suffer injury, hunger or exposure.

15 (c) No owner of a dog or cat that is a companion animal may
16 expose the dog or cat in a manner that places the dog or cat in
17 a life-threatening situation for a prolonged period of time in
18 extreme heat or cold conditions that:

19 (1) results in injury to or death of the animal; or

20 (2) results in hypothermia, hyperthermia, frostbite,
21 or similar condition as diagnosed by a doctor of
22 veterinary medicine.

23 (c-5) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit an animal

1 from being impounded in an emergency situation under
2 subsection (b) of Section 12 of this Act.

3 (c-10) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a law
4 enforcement officer from taking temporary custody of a dog or
5 cat that is a companion animal that is exposed in a manner that
6 places the dog or cat in a life-threatening situation for a
7 prolonged period of time in extreme heat or cold conditions
8 that may result in injury or death of the dog or cat or may
9 result in hypothermia, hyperthermia, frostbite, or similar
10 condition. Upon taking temporary custody of the dog or cat
11 under this subsection (c-10), the law enforcement officer
12 shall attempt to contact the owner of the dog or cat and shall
13 seek emergency veterinary care for the animal as soon as
14 available. The law enforcement officer shall leave information
15 of the location of the dog or cat if the owner cannot be
16 reached. The owner of the dog or cat is responsible for any
17 costs of providing care to the dog or cat.

18 (d) A person convicted of violating this Section is guilty
19 of a Class A misdemeanor. A second or subsequent conviction
20 for a violation of this Section is a Class 4 felony. In
21 addition to any other penalty provided by law, a person who is
22 convicted of violating subsection (a) upon a companion animal
23 in the presence of a child, as defined in Section 12-0.1 of the
24 Criminal Code of 2012, shall be subject to a fine of \$250 and
25 ordered to perform community service for not less than 100
26 hours. In addition to any other penalty provided by law, upon

1 conviction for violating this Section, the court may order the
2 convicted person to undergo a psychological or psychiatric
3 evaluation and to undergo any treatment at the convicted
4 person's expense that the court determines to be appropriate
5 after due consideration of the evidence. If the convicted
6 person is a juvenile or a companion animal hoarder, the court
7 must order the convicted person to undergo a psychological or
8 psychiatric evaluation and to undergo treatment that the court
9 determines to be appropriate after due consideration of the
10 evaluation.

11 (Source: P.A. 99-311, eff. 1-1-16; 99-357, eff. 1-1-16;
12 99-642, eff. 7-28-16; 99-782, eff. 8-12-16; 100-740, eff.
13 1-1-19.)