

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 284(STA) am H**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Amended: 5/5/98**

**Offered: 3/4/98**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS DONLEY, Phillips, Ellis**

**REPRESENTATIVE Croft**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to cruelty to animals."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **\* Section 1.** AS 11.61.140(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) A person commits the crime of cruelty to animals if the person

5 (1) knowingly [INTENTIONALLY] inflicts severe [AND  
6 PROLONGED] physical pain or prolonged suffering on an animal;

7 (2) with criminal negligence, fails to care for [RECKLESSLY  
8 NEGLECTS] an animal and, as a result [OF THAT NEGLECT], causes the death of  
9 the animal or causes severe physical pain or prolonged suffering to the animal; or

10 (3) kills an animal by the use of a decompression chamber.

11 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 11.61.140(b) is amended to read:

12 (b) It is a defense to a prosecution under (a)(1) or (2) of this section that the  
13 conduct of the defendant

14 (1) conformed to accepted veterinary or animal husbandry practice;

15 (2) was part of scientific research governed by accepted standards;

1 [OR]

2 (3) was necessarily incident to lawful hunting or trapping activities; or

3 (4) conformed to professionally accepted training and disciplinary

4 methods.