

HOUSE BILL NO. 57

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES GRUSSENDORF, Berkowitz

Introduced: 1/13/97

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

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**, [RECKLESSLY] neglects an animal and,
8 as a result of that neglect, causes the death of the animal or causes severe **physical**
9 pain or **prolonged** suffering to the animal; or

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