

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

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/4/98

Referred: Judiciary

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; or

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