

**HOUSE BILL NO. 489**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Judiciary

**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 inflicts severe physical pain or prolonged suffering on  
6 an animal;

7 (2) with criminal negligence, fails to **provide the necessary standard**  
8 **of** care for an animal [AND, AS A RESULT, CAUSES THE DEATH OF THE  
9 ANIMAL OR CAUSES SEVERE PHYSICAL PAIN OR PROLONGED  
10 SUFFERING TO THE ANIMAL]; [OR]

11 (3) kills an animal by the use of a decompression chamber; **or**

12 **(4) observes and knowingly fails to report a violation of this section**  
13 **to a law enforcement agency.**

14 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 11.61.140(d) is amended to read:

15 (d) Cruelty to animals is a class **C felony** [A MISDEMEANOR].