

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. TAYLOR

HOUSE BILL NO. *187* *By Request*

2 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

3 TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

4 A BILL

5 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to cruelty to animals;  
6 amending Secs.1 and 2 of Ch. 19, SLA, 1953;  
7 repealing Sec. 65-9-34, ACLA, 1949; and  
8 declaring an emergency."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

10 Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 19, Session Laws of Alaska,  
11 1953, is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 Section 1. CRUELTY IN GENERAL. Any person who shall  
13 unnecessarily overwork, torment, cruelly beat or otherwise  
14 abuse or kill, a domestic animal or creature, or cause or  
15 procure any of such acts to be done, or abandon where there  
16 is not a caretaker to assume the responsibility of proper  
17 food and water, or shall refuse to provide and make available  
18 reasonable care and shelter so as to prevent unnecessary suf-  
19 fering on the part of said domestic animal or creature in  
20 inclement or cold weather, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor,  
21 and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of  
22 not more than \$100.00 or by imprisonment in the Federal jail  
23 of not more than 30 days, or by both such fine and imprison-  
24 ment. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit or  
25 impede the lawful impounding of stray dogs, cats or other  
26 animals and the lawful destruction or disposition thereof.  
27 The terms animal, domestic animal and creature as used in  
28 this Section or any other section of this Chapter shall

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include dogs, cats, horses, cattle, swine, sheep, goats,  
domestic fowl or any naturally wild or undomesticated animal  
or fowl, whether or not native to the Territory of Alaska,  
where complete freedom of movement has been restrained by any  
person. For each day that any person violating any provi-  
sions of this Section of a rectifiable nature permits such  
condition or conditions to continue without having taken  
prompt and reasonable steps to correct such condition or  
conditions, such person shall be deemed guilty of an addition-  
al and separate offense, and upon conviction thereof, and  
upon conviction for each such separate offense, shall be sub-  
ject to the fines and penalties herein provided for.

Sec. 2. Section 2 of Chapter 19, Session Laws of Alaska,  
1953, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. ABANDONING DISABLED ANIMALS TO DIE: MIS-  
DEMEANOR. Any person who shall abandon a maimed, sick,  
infirm, or disabled domestic animal or creature to die shall  
be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished as provided in  
Section 1. It shall be the duty of every person who, in the  
operation of a motor vehicle, strikes and causes injury to  
any dog, horse, cattle, swine, goat or sheep to report such  
fact to the office of the nearest humane society, or if no  
such society exists to the nearest Territorial or municipal  
Police Office. Such report shall be promptly made by the  
nearest available telephone. Such person shall give his  
name and address and the place of accident. Performance of  
the duties herein imposed to make such report may be excused,  
where lack of available telephone communication exists or  
where unusual emergency conditions exist which, in the

p. 2, line 21: after the comma following "dog" insert the word "cat,"

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exercise of sound judgment should excuse such report. Upon  
being charged with a violation of failure to make such report  
as herein required, the burden shall be imposed upon the  
accused to show the existence of such unusual emergency con-  
ditions.

Any person who fails to promptly make such report as  
herein required or who makes a false report shall be guilty  
of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sub-  
ject to the same punishment provided in Section 1 of this  
Chapter.

Sec. 3. Section 65-9-34, ACLA, 1949, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and this  
Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage  
and approval, or upon its becoming law without such approval.