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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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FREE CONFERENCE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 514

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act amending criminal provisions relating to  
cruelty to animals, defining the crime of promoting an  
exhibition of fighting animals, and prohibiting the  
destruction of animals by the use of a decompression  
chamber; and providing for an effective date."

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

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\* Section 1. AS 11.61.140 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

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Sec. 11.61.140. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. (a) A person commits the  
crime of cruelty to animals if he

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(1) intentionally inflicts severe and prolonged physical pain  
or suffering on an animal;

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(2) recklessly neglects an animal and, as a result of that  
neglect, causes the death of the animal or causes severe pain or  
suffering to the animal; or

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

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(b) It is a defense to a prosecution under this section that the  
conduct of the defendant

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(1) conformed to accepted veterinary practice;

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(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.

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(c) In this section, "animal" means a vertebrate living creature  
not a human being, but does not include fish.

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(d) Cruelty to animals is a class A misdemeanor.

\* Sec. 2. AS 11.61 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 11.61.145. PROMOTING AN EXHIBITION OF FIGHTING ANIMALS. (a)

A person commits the crime of promoting an exhibition of fighting animals if he

(1) owns, possesses, keeps, or trains an animal with intent that it be engaged in an exhibition of fighting animals;

(2) instigates, promotes or has a pecuniary interest in an exhibition of fighting animals; or

(3) attends an exhibition of fighting animals.

(b) The animals, equipment, vehicles, money and other personal property used by a person in a violation of (a)(1) or (2) of this section shall be forfeited to the state if the person is convicted of an offense under this section.

(c) In this section, "animal" means a vertebrate living creature not a human being, but does not include fish.

(d) Promoting an exhibition of fighting animals

(1) under (a)(1) or (2) of this section is a class C felony;

(2) under (a)(3) of this section is a violation for the first offense and a class B misdemeanor for the second and each subsequent offense.

\* Sec. 3. AS 03.60 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 03.60.005. USE OF DECOMPRESSION CHAMBER PROHIBITED.

It is unlawful for a veterinarian or other person to destroy an animal by the use of a decompression chamber.

\* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-070(c).