

1 IN THE SENATE

BY FAIKS BY REQUEST

2

SENATE BILL NO. 427

3

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5

A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the crime of abuse of animals."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 11.61 is amended by adding a new section to read:

9 Sec. 11.61.143. ABUSE OF ANIMALS. (a) A person commits the  
10 crime of abuse of animals for each animal involved if the person

11 (1) displays an animal in a public place for the purpose of  
12 selling or giving away the animal and does sell, give away, or offer  
13 to sell or give away the animal unless the person is

14 (A) in the business of selling animals as part of the  
15 business conducted at that location and possesses a business  
16 license to engage in that business at that location;

17 (B) in the business of providing veterinary medical  
18 care at that location;

19 (C) an employee of a humane society or animal shelter  
20 in the business of caring for or housing animals at that loca-  
21 tion;

22 (D) a participant in an event at that location spon-  
23 sored by an organization established for the purpose of display-  
24 ing or using animals; or

25 (E) selling or giving away the animal for

26 (i) agricultural or conservation purposes; or

27 (ii) slaughter;

28 (F) in the business of selling animals by auction and  
29 is conducting an auction of only animals and animal related

1 items;

2 (2) gives away, sells, or offers to give away or sell an  
3 animal in order to

4 (A) advertise a business other than the sale of  
5 animals; or

6 (B) induce participation in a contest of skill or  
7 chance, lottery, or raffle subject to AS 05.15 or AS 11.66.200;  
8 or

9 (3) displays an animal in a public place in order to adver-  
10 tise a business other than a business engaged in the sale, display, or  
11 use of animals.

12 (b) In this section "animal" means a domestic or wild living  
13 bird or mammal that is not a human being.

14 (c) Abuse of animals is a violation.