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AN ACT

Relating to cruelty to animals.

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1 Relating to cruelty to animals.

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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;

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1 [OR]

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

3 (4) conformed to professionally accepted training and disciplinary

4 methods.