

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 93
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 5, strike “, not exceeding a certain amount.”; and in line 13, before “10-606,” insert “10-604.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 22, insert:

“10-604.

(a) A person may not:

(1) overdrive or overload an animal;

(2) deprive an animal of necessary sustenance;

(3) inflict unnecessary suffering or pain on an animal;

(4) cause, procure, or authorize an act prohibited under item (1), (2), or (3) of this subsection; or

(5) if the person has charge or custody of an animal, as owner or otherwise, unnecessarily fail to provide the animal with nutritious food in sufficient quantity, necessary veterinary care, proper drink, air, space, shelter, or protection from the weather.

(b) (1) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 90 days or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both.

(Over)

(2) As a condition of sentencing, the court may order a defendant convicted of violating this section to:

(I) participate in and pay for psychological counseling; AND

(II) PAY, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER FINES AND COSTS, ALL REASONABLE COSTS INCURRED IN REMOVING, HOUSING, TREATING, EUTHANIZING, OR DISPOSING OF AN ANIMAL CONFISCATED FROM THE DEFENDANT, EXCEPT FOR COSTS INCURRED AFTER SURRENDER OF OWNERSHIP OF THE ANIMAL BY THE DEFENDANT UNDER § 10-615(D)(1) OF THIS SUBTITLE OR AFTER THE ANIMAL IS CONSIDERED A STRAY UNDER § 10-615(E)(1) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(3) As a condition of probation, the court may prohibit a defendant from owning, possessing, or residing with an animal.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 8, strike “, NOT EXCEEDING \$15,000,”.

On page 4, in line 2, strike “, NOT EXCEEDING \$15,000,”.

On page 5, in line 11, strike “, NOT EXCEEDING \$15,000,”.