

Unfavorable – SB0085/HB0405 Criminal Law – Animal Abuse or Neglect – Penalties

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This is overkill and doesn't include the racing industry. How many of those animals are "over-run"? And I'm sure no one ever checks on the health state of racing horses.

Specifically just because an animal needs to be euthanized shouldn't mean the person should be criminalized. Many factors go into these kinds of situations including financial crisis. If the person can no longer afford the animal, they probably cannot afford the fines either.

Plus this bill leaves the decision to some county vet to decide the fate of a person and that's wrong and unconstitutional. Where is the opportunity for the person to cure the situation? It should be a tiered process if anything.

I believe the penalties for this are far too harsh. Leave the legislation way it was.

I oppose this bill and request the Senate oppose this bill as well.

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