

HB 1679 -- ANIMAL ABUSE

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Currently, the offense of animal abuse is a class A misdemeanor unless the defendant has previously been found guilty of animal abuse or the suffering involved is the result of torture or mutilation, consciously inflicted while the animal was alive, in which case it is a class E felony. This bill enhances the penalty to a class D felony if the defendant has previously been found guilty of animal abuse.

This bill is similar to HB 1418 (2018), HB 43 and HB 828 (2019).