



COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law, to which was referred House Bill No. 1165, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1 Page 7, delete lines 41 through 42, begin a new paragraph and
2 insert:
3 "SECTION 7. IC 35-46-3-0.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.52-2023,
4 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 0.5. The following definitions apply throughout
6 this chapter:
7 (1) "Abandon" means to desert an animal or to leave the animal
8 without making provision for adequate long term care of the
9 animal. The term does not include leaving an animal in a place
10 that is temporarily vacated for the protection of human life during
11 a disaster.
12 (2) "Abuse" means to knowingly or intentionally beat, torment,
13 injure, or otherwise harm an animal. ~~The term includes~~
14 ~~destruction of an animal by any means other than humane~~
15 ~~euthanasia if the person who destroys the animal is:~~
16 (A) a humane society;
17 (B) an animal control agency; or
18 (C) a governmental entity operating an animal shelter or other
19 animal impounding facility.

- 1 **(3) "Adequate bedding" means bedding sufficient to permit a**
 2 **domestic animal to:**
 3 **(A) remain dry;**
 4 **(B) remain reasonably clean; and**
 5 **(C) maintain a normal body temperature.**
 6 **(4) "Adequate shelter" means a covered enclosure sufficient**
 7 **to:**
 8 **(A) protect an animal from the elements; and**
 9 **(B) prevent suffering or injury to an animal;**
 10 **based on the climate and the animal's species, age, and health.**
 11 **(5) "Companion animal" has the meaning set forth in**
 12 **IC 35-38-2-2.8.**
 13 **(6) "Domestic animal" means an animal that is not wild. The**
 14 **term is limited to:**
 15 **(A) cattle, calves, horses, mules, swine, sheep, goats, dogs,**
 16 **cats, poultry, ostriches, rhea, and emus; or**
 17 **(B) an animal of the bovine, equine, ovine, caprine,**
 18 **porcine, canine, feline, camelid, cervidae, or bison species.**
 19 ~~(7)~~ **(7) "Humane euthanasia" means the humane destruction of an**
 20 **animal using sodium pentobarbital or a derivative, administered**
 21 **in a manner that causes painless loss of consciousness and death.**
 22 **The term does not include a method:**
 23 **(A) prohibited by section 15 of this chapter; or**
 24 **(B) involving the use of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, or**
 25 **any nonanesthetic inhalant.**
 26 ~~(8)~~ **(8) "Impound agency" means a state, county, municipal, or**
 27 **township agency with the authority to impound animals for**
 28 **violation of this chapter or IC 15-20-1-4. The term includes the**
 29 **following:**
 30 **(A) A law enforcement agency.**
 31 **(B) An animal control agency.**
 32 ~~(9)~~ **(9) "Mutilate" means to wound, injure, maim, or disfigure an**
 33 **animal by damaging the animal's body parts or to render any part**
 34 **of the animal's body useless. The term includes bodily injury**
 35 **involving:**
 36 **(A) serious permanent disfigurement;**
 37 **(B) serious temporary disfigurement;**
 38 **(C) permanent or protracted loss or impairment of the function**

- 1 of a bodily part or organ; or
 2 (D) a fracture.
- 3 ~~(6)~~ **(10)** "Neglect" means:
- 4 (A) endangering an animal's health by failing to provide or
 5 arrange to provide the animal with food or drink, if the animal
 6 is dependent upon the person for the provision of food or
 7 drink. **Food and drink must be provided in a sufficient
 8 quantity to maintain the animal's health and normal
 9 development, and in a form that is unspoiled,
 10 uncontaminated, and otherwise fit for consumption. Water
 11 that is frozen is not sufficient to maintain an animal's
 12 health and normal development;**
- 13 (B) restraining an animal for more than a brief period in a
 14 manner that endangers the animal's life or health by the use of
 15 a rope, chain, or tether that:
- 16 (i) is less than three (3) times the length of the animal;
 17 (ii) is too heavy to permit the animal to move freely; or
 18 (iii) causes the animal to choke;
- 19 (C) restraining an animal in a manner that seriously endangers
 20 the animal's life or health;
- 21 (D) failing to:
- 22 (i) provide reasonable care for; or
 23 (ii) seek veterinary care for;
 24 an injury or illness to a dog or cat that seriously endangers the
 25 life or health of the dog or cat; or
- 26 (E) leaving a dog or cat outside and exposed to:
- 27 (i) excessive heat without providing the animal with a means
 28 of shade from the heat; or
 29 (ii) excessive cold if the animal is not provided with straw
 30 or another means of protection from the cold;
 31 regardless of whether the animal is restrained or kept in a
 32 ~~kennel.~~ **failing to provide an animal with adequate bedding
 33 and adequate shelter.**
- 34 ~~(7)~~ **(11)** "Reasonable expenses" includes the cost of:
- 35 (A) medical care;
 36 (B) quarantine; and
 37 (C) shelter and board.
- 38 ~~(8)~~ **(12)** "Torture" means:

- 1 (A) to inflict extreme physical pain or injury on an animal with
- 2 the intent of increasing or prolonging the animal's pain;
- 3 (B) to administer poison to a domestic animal ~~(as defined in~~
- 4 ~~section 12(d) of this chapter)~~ or expose a domestic animal to
- 5 a poisonous substance with the intent that the domestic animal
- 6 ingest the substance;
- 7 (C) to destroy an animal by electrocution in a manner
- 8 inconsistent with section 5 of this chapter; ~~or~~
- 9 (D) to intentionally ~~freeze or heat an animal to death.~~ **expose**
- 10 **an animal to heat or cold beyond an animal's tolerance**
- 11 **based on the animal's:**
- 12 **(i) age;**
- 13 **(ii) health;**
- 14 **(iii) medical conditions; or**
- 15 **(iv) physical characteristics;**
- 16 **which results in pain, suffering, or death; or**
- 17 **(E) to knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly starve,**
- 18 **dehydrate, or suffocate an animal."**

- 19 Delete pages 8 through 9.
 - 20 Page 10, delete lines 1 through 13.
 - 21 Page 14, delete lines 40 through 42.
 - 22 Delete page 15.
 - 23 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
- (Reference is to HB 1165 as printed January 22, 2026.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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Chairperson