



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments*

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Topic	As Passed by the House	As Reported by S. Agriculture
Prohibition against knowingly depriving a companion animal of necessary sustenance	Specifies that the prohibition applies when "it can reasonably be expected that the companion animal would <i>become sick or suffer in any other way</i> as a result of the deprivation or confinement" (R.C. 959.131(E)(2)).	Instead, specifies that the prohibition applies when "it is reasonably expected that the companion animal would <i>die or experience unnecessary or unjustifiable pain or suffering</i> as a result of the deprivation or confinement" (R.C. 959.131(E)(2)).
Prohibition against knowingly confining a companion animal under specified environmental conditions	Specifies that the prohibition applies when "it can reasonably be expected that the companion animal would <i>become sick or suffer in any other way</i> as a result of or due to the lack of adequate shelter" (R.C. 959.131(E)(3)).	Instead, specifies that the prohibition applies when "it is reasonably expected that the companion animal would <i>die or experience unnecessary or unjustifiable pain or suffering</i> as a result of or due to the lack of adequate shelter" (R.C. 959.131(E)(3)).
Definition of "serious physical harm" under the Cruelty to Companion Animals Law	Specifies that "serious physical harm" means, in part, "physical harm that carries a substantial risk of death" (R.C. 959.131(A)).	Instead, specifies that "serious physical harm" means, in part, "physical harm that carries an unnecessary or unjustifiable substantial risk of death" (R.C. 959.131(A)).
Assault of a police dog or horse that results in death	No provision.	Modifies the penalty for assaulting a police dog or horse if the dog or horse is killed to require a mandatory prison term and a mandatory fine (R.C. 2921.321, 2929.13, and 2929.18).

* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.