
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6560

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By Senate Committee on Parks, Fish & Wildlife (originally sponsored by Senators Oke, Fraser, Swecker, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Jacobsen, Thibaudeau, Fairley and Winsley)

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1 AN ACT Relating to animal cruelty; amending RCW 16.52.205;
2 prescribing penalties; and declaring an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 16.52.205 and 1994 c 261 s 8 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) A person is guilty of animal cruelty in the first degree when,
7 except as authorized in law, he or she intentionally (a) inflicts
8 substantial pain on, (b) causes physical injury to, or (c) kills an
9 animal by a means causing undue suffering, or forces a minor to inflict
10 unnecessary pain, injury, or death on an animal. The malicious use of
11 a hook in a manner whereby the hook purposefully pierces the flesh of
12 a bird or mammal constitutes animal cruelty in the first degree.

13 (2) Animal cruelty in the first degree is a class C felony.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
15 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
16 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect

1 immediately.

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