

# HOUSE BILL No. 5610

March 15, 1990, Introduced by Reps. Rocca, Dunaskiss, Barns, DeMars and Kulchitsky and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend section 50 of Act No. 328 of the Public Acts of 1931, entitled

"The Michigan penal code,"

as amended by Act No. 204 of the Public Acts of 1988, being section 750.50 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 50 of Act No. 328 of the Public Acts of  
2 1931, as amended by Act No. 204 of the Public Acts of 1988, being  
3 section 750.50 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 50. (1) An owner, possessor, or person having the  
6 charge or custody of an animal, who cruelly drives or works the  
7 animal when the animal is unfit for labor, or who carries or  
8 causes to be carried on or upon a vehicle or otherwise ~~any~~ A  
9 live animal having the feet or legs tied together, or in any

1 other cruel and inhuman manner, or ~~shall carry or cause~~ WHO  
2 CARRIES OR CAUSES to be carried a live animal in or upon a vehi-  
3 cle or otherwise without providing a suitable rack, car, crate,  
4 or cage, in which the animal may stand or lie down during trans-  
5 portation, and while awaiting slaughter, or who ~~shall abandon~~  
6 ABANDONS an animal, in any place, without making provisions for  
7 the animal's adequate care, or who ~~shall~~ willfully or negli-  
8 gently ~~permit and allow~~ PERMITS AND ALLOWS an aged, diseased,  
9 maimed, hopelessly sick, or disabled animal to suffer unnecessary  
10 torture or pain, is guilty of a misdemeanor. ~~"Adequate"~~ AS USED  
11 IN THIS SUBSECTION, "ADEQUATE care" means the provision of suffi-  
12 cient food, water, shelter, and medical attention in order to  
13 maintain an animal in a state of good health.

14 (2) A PERSON WHO INJURES OR KILLS A DOMESTIC DOG OR A DOMES-  
15 TIC CAT OR POSSESSES THE BODY OR A PART OF A DOMESTIC DOG OR A  
16 DOMESTIC CAT FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONSUMING THAT DOG OR CAT AS  
17 FOOD OR FOR THE PURPOSE OF USING THE DOG OR CAT OR A PART OF THE  
18 DOG OR CAT AS AN ARTICLE OF CLOTHING IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR,  
19 PUNISHABLE BY 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

20 (A) IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 90 DAYS.

21 (B) A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$500.00.

22 (C) COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK FOR NOT LESS THAN 250 HOURS.

23 (3) "DOMESTIC" MEANS A SPECIES OF ANIMAL THAT IS ADAPTED  
24 THROUGH BREEDING IN CAPTIVITY TO A LIFE INTIMATELY ASSOCIATED  
25 WITH HUMAN BEINGS.