

CHAPTER 549

H.B. No. 1912

An Act relating to the offense of using a live animal as a lure in dog race training or in dog coursing on a racetrack.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 42.11, Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

- (a) A person commits an offense if he intentionally or knowingly:
 - (1) tortures or seriously overworks an animal;
 - (2) fails unreasonably to provide necessary food, care, or shelter for an animal in his custody;
 - (3) abandons unreasonably an animal in his custody;
 - (4) transports or confines an animal in a cruel manner;
 - (5) kills, injures, or administers poison to an animal, other than cattle, horses, sheep, swine, or goats, belonging to another without legal authority or the owner's effective consent; [or]
 - (6) causes one animal to fight with another; or
 - (7) uses a live animal as a lure in dog race training or in dog coursing on a racetrack.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1985.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on May 7, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 24, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Approved: June 12, 1985

Effective: September 1, 1985