

By Senator Forman

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to cruelty to animals; amending s. 828.12, F.S.; making certain types of animal exhibitions a crime; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Present subsections (2) and (3) of section 828.12, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (3) and (4), respectively, and a new subsection (2) is added to that section to read:

828.12 Cruelty to animals.--

(2) A person who unnecessarily conducts, finances, manages, or participates in a commercial animal exhibition in which horses, mules, or donkeys are encouraged or required to fall or jump a distance of 5 feet at a time downward, is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Makes it a crime for commercial animal exhibitors to have certain types of equine animals jump downward 5 feet or more.