

By Senator Brodeur

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to animal cruelty; amending s. 828.12,  
3           F.S.; revising the elements necessary for a  
4           misdemeanor charge of animal cruelty; providing an  
5           effective date.

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

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9           Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 828.12, Florida  
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11           828.12 Cruelty to animals.—

12           (1) A person who:

13           (a) Unnecessarily kills, overloads, overdrives, torments,  
14 or mutilates any animal, or causes the same to be done;

15           (b) Deprives any animal of necessary sustenance or  
16 shelter; ~~or unnecessarily mutilates, or kills any animal, or~~  
17 causes the same to be done, or

18           (c) Carries any animal in or upon any vehicle, or  
19 otherwise, any animal in a cruel or inhumane manner,

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21 commits animal cruelty, a misdemeanor of the first degree,  
22 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or by a fine of not more  
23 than \$5,000, or both.

24           Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2022.