

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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GAYDOS, OCTOBER 8, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, OCTOBER 8, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in sexual offenses, repealing
3 provisions relating to the offense of sexual intercourse with
4 animal; and, in riot, disorderly conduct and related
5 offenses, further providing for definitions and for the
6 offense of aggravated cruelty to animal, providing for the
7 offense of sexual crimes against animals and further
8 providing for exemption of normal agricultural operations.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 3129 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
12 Consolidated Statutes is repealed:

13 [§ 3129. Sexual intercourse with animal.

14 A person who engages in any form of sexual intercourse with
15 an animal commits a misdemeanor of the second degree.]

16 Section 2. Section 5531 of Title 18 is amended by adding a
17 definition to read:

18 § 5531. Definitions.

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20 "Sexual contact with an animal." An act committed between an

individual and an animal involving:

(1) Contact between the sex organs or anus of an animal and the mouth, sex organs or anus of an individual.

(2) The insertion of any part of an animal's body into the vaginal or anal opening of an individual.

(3) Except as provided in section 5534.1(b) (relating to aggravated cruelty to animal), the insertion of any part of the body of an individual or any foreign object into the vaginal or anal opening of an animal.

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Section 3. Section 5534(b) of Title 18 is amended to read:

§ 5534. Aggravated cruelty to animal.

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(b) Grading.--[A]

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a violation of this section is a felony of the third degree.

(2) A violation of subsection (a)(1) is a felony of the second degree if the violation occurs in the presence of a minor under 13 years of age.

Section 4. Title 18 is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 5534.1. Sexual crimes against animals.

(a) Offense defined.--A person commits an offense if the person intentionally or knowingly does any of the following:

(1) Engages in sexual contact with an animal.

(2) Possesses, sells, transfers, purchases or otherwise obtains an animal with the intent that it be subject to sexual contact.

(3) Organizes, promotes, conducts, aids or participates in as an observer any act involving sexual contact with an animal.

1 (4) Causes, coerces or aids another person to engage in
2 sexual contact with an animal.

3 (5) Permits sexual contact with an animal to be
4 conducted on any premises under the person's charge or
5 control.

6 (6) Advertises, solicits, offers or accepts the offer of
7 an animal with the intent that the animal be used for sexual
8 contact.

9 (b) Construction.--This section shall not be construed to
10 prohibit any of the following:

11 (1) Accepted veterinary medicine practices.

12 (2) Artificial insemination of an animal for
13 reproductive purposes.

14 (3) Normal agricultural operation practices and
15 procedures.

16 (4) Accepted animal husbandry or animal care, including
17 grooming, raising, breeding, assisting with the birthing
18 process of animals or any other practice that provides care
19 for an animal.

20 (5) Accepted practices of judging breed conformation.

21 (c) Grading.--

22 (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2), a violation
23 of this section is a felony of the third degree.

24 (2) A violation of subsection (a)(1) or (4) is a felony
25 of the second degree if the violation occurred in the
26 presence of a minor.

27 (d) Additional penalty.--In addition to any other penalty
28 imposed, a person convicted of violating this section shall be
29 ordered to:

30 (1) Relinquish custody of all animals under the person's

1 control. If the person convicted of violating this section is
2 not the owner of the animal that was the subject of the
3 violation, the animal shall be returned to the owner of the
4 animal.

5 (2) Not harbor, own, possess or exercise control over
6 any animal for no less than five years.

7 (3) For a period of time not less than five years, not:

8 (i) reside in any household where an animal is
9 present;

10 (ii) engage in an occupation, whether paid or
11 unpaid, involving animals; or

12 (iii) participate in a volunteer position at any
13 establishment where animals are present.

14 Section 5. Section 5560 of Title 18 is amended to read:

15 § 5560. Exemption of normal agricultural operations.

16 Sections 5532 (relating to neglect of animal), 5533 (relating
17 to cruelty to animal), 5534 (relating to aggravated cruelty to
18 animal), 5534.1 (relating to sexual crimes against animals),
19 5536 (relating to tethering of unattended dog) and 5543
20 (relating to animal fighting) shall not apply to activity
21 undertaken in a normal agricultural operation.

22 Section 6. This act shall take effect in 60 days.