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H.B. No. 834

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to cruelty to cattle, horses, sheep, swine, or goats.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 42.09(a), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 42.09. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. (a) A person commits an offense if the person intentionally or knowingly:

(1) tortures an animal;

(2) fails unreasonably to provide necessary food, care, or shelter for an animal in the person's custody;

(3) abandons unreasonably an animal in the person's custody;

(4) transports or confines an animal in a cruel manner;

(5) kills, seriously 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;

(6) causes one animal to fight with another;

(7) uses a live animal as a lure in dog race training or in dog coursing on a racetrack;

(8) trips a horse;

(9) injures an animal[~~, other than cattle, horses, sheep, swine, or goats,~~] belonging to another without legal

1 authority or the owner's effective consent; or

2 (10) seriously overworks an animal.

3 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
4 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
5 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
6 governed by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and
7 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
8 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
9 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense was
10 committed before that date.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.