

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0048

Cruelty to animals-penalties.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Gierau, Barlow, Blake,  
Bovee, Brown and Connolly and Senator(s)  
Anselmi-Dalton and Baldwin

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; amending penalties  
2 for the offense of cruelty to animals and the offense of  
3 aggravated cruelty to animals as specified; and providing  
4 for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-3-203(e) and (n) is amended to  
9 read:

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11 **6-3-203. Cruelty to animals; penalties; limitation on**  
12 **manner of destruction.**

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14 (e) Unless punishable under subsection (n) of this  
15 section, a violation of this section is a misdemeanor

1 punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6)  
2 months, a fine of not more than ~~seven hundred fifty dollars~~  
3 ~~(\$750.00)~~ two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), or  
4 both except that a subsequent offense is a high misdemeanor  
5 punishable by not more than one (1) year imprisonment, a  
6 fine of not more than ~~five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)~~ ten  
7 thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

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9 (n) A person commits a felony if he commits  
10 aggravated cruelty to animals as defined in subsection (c)  
11 of this section or knowingly and with intent to cause  
12 death, injury or undue suffering, cruelly beats, tortures,  
13 torments, injures or mutilates an animal resulting in the  
14 death or required euthanasia of the animal. A felony under  
15 this subsection or subsection (c) of this section is  
16 punishable by not more than two (2) years imprisonment, a  
17 fine of not more than ~~five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)~~ ten  
18 thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

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20 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2018.

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