

SENATE BILL NO. 435

BY SENATORS MORRELL, CARTER AND PEACOCK AND REPRESENTATIVE WILLMOTT

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:67.30, relative to the theft of animals; to create the crime of theft of
3 animals; to provide definitions; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 **§67.30. Theft of animals**

7 **A. Except as provided in R.S. 3:2654, theft of animals is the**
8 **misappropriation, killing, or taking of any animal which belongs to another,**
9 **either without consent of the other to the misappropriation or taking, or by**
10 **means of fraudulent conduct, practices, or representations. An intent to deprive**
11 **the other permanently of the animal or an intent to ransom it for the purpose**
12 **of extorting money or favor is essential.**

13 **B. Whoever commits the crime of theft of animals shall be imprisoned**
14 **for not more than six months or fined not more than five hundred dollars or**
15 **both. If the offender in such a case has been convicted of misdemeanor theft of**
16 **an animal two or more times previously, upon any subsequent conviction he**
17 **shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years or**
18 **may be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or both.**

19 **C. For the purposes of this Section, "animal" means any nonhuman**
20 **living creature except for livestock as defined in R.S. 14:67.1.**

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____