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2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 53

BY SENATOR MORRELL

CRIME/PUNISHMENT. Classifies cruelty to animals as a "crime of violence". (8/1/18)

AN ACT

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2	To enact R.S. 14:2(B)(48), relative to crimes of violence; to classify cruelty to animals a
3	a crime of violence; and to provide for related matters.
4	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
5	Section 1. R.S. 14:2(B)(48) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
6	§2. Definitions
7	* * *
8	B. In this Code, "crime of violence" means an offense that has, as an element
9	the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against the person o
10	property of another, and that, by its very nature, involves a substantial risk that
11	physical force against the person or property of another may be used in the course
12	of committing the offense or an offense that involves the possession or use of
13	dangerous weapon. The following enumerated offenses and attempts to commit any
14	of them are included as "crimes of violence":
15	* * *
16	(48) Cruelty to animals

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alden A. Clement Jr.

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Present law provides relative to the crime of cruelty to animals.

Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Present law</u> defines a "crime of violence" as an offense that has, as an element, the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against the person or property of another, and that, by its very nature, involves a substantial risk that physical force against the person or property of another may be used in the course of committing the offense or an offense that involves the possession or use of a dangerous weapon. <u>Present law</u> enumerates <u>present law</u> crimes that are classified as "crimes of violence."

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds the crime of cruelty to animals to the list of enumerated "crimes of violence".

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Adds R.S. 14:2(B)(48))