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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 2207 Session of  
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CIRESI, JANUARY 13, 2020

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 13, 2020

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and  
3 related offenses, providing for the offense of kidnapping of  
4 animals.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 5539.1. Kidnapping of animals.

10 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits an offense if the  
11 person:

12 (1) intentionally, knowingly or recklessly takes, sells  
13 or purchases any dog, cat, equine animal, swine or cattle for  
14 resale to another, use in a laboratory or for animal  
15 fighting; or

16 (2) intentionally, knowingly or recklessly takes or  
17 carries away any dog, cat or equine animal without permission  
18 for a special or temporary purpose.

1 (b) Grading.--An offense under subsection (a) shall be  
2 graded as follows:

3 (1) An offense under subsection (a)(1) is a felony of  
4 the third degree and a second or subsequent offense under  
5 subsection (a)(1) is a felony of the second degree.

6 (2) An offense under subsection (a)(2) is a misdemeanor  
7 of the third degree and a second or subsequent offense under  
8 subsection (a)(2) is a misdemeanor of the second degree.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.