
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 759 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY KANE, MUTH, FONTANA, CAPPELLETTI, COLLETT,
SCHWANK, PENNYCUICK, BREWSTER, SANTARSIERO, DILLON AND COSTA,
JUNE 13, 2023

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JUNE 13, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in budget and finance,
3 establishing the Animal Cruelty Investigation Fund.

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

6 Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 3576. Animal Cruelty Investigation Fund.

9 (a) Establishment.--The Animal Cruelty Investigation Fund is
10 established in the State Treasury. Money in the fund may only be
11 used for purposes of animal cruelty investigations, which shall
12 include training, equipment and employment expenses of humane
13 society police officers and food, shelter and veterinary costs
14 for animals who are victims of animal cruelty. Money in the fund
15 and the interest accruing on the money in the fund are
16 appropriated on a continuing basis to the Attorney General who
17 may expend the money directly for training and equipping humane
18 society police officers, development of animal cruelty

1 investigation materials, salary and benefits for attorneys to
2 prosecute and train other prosecutors in animal cruelty cases
3 and grants to animal shelters to fund animal cruelty
4 investigations or other expenses permissible under this section.

5 (b) Assessment.--In addition to any other costs that may be
6 imposed for a violation of 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 55 Subch. B (relating
7 to cruelty to animals), an assessment of \$25 shall be imposed.
8 Money collected from the assessment shall be transmitted to the
9 State Treasurer for deposit into the fund.

10 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "fund"
11 means the Animal Cruelty Investigation Fund.

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