

HB 39 -- ANIMAL ABUSE

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This bill increases the penalty for animal abuse from a class A misdemeanor to a class E felony. In instances in which the defendant has been previously found guilty of animal abuse or the defendant has been found guilty of consciously torturing or mutilating an animal while it was alive, the penalty is increased from a class E felony to a class D felony.

This bill is the same as HB 2460 (2022) and HB 221 (2021).