

HB 1714 -- OFFENSE OF ANIMAL NEGLECT

SPONSOR: Sharpe (4)

This bill modifies the offense of animal neglect to include a person who has custody or ownership of an animal, other than livestock, and fails to provide adequate control.

If a person fails to provide adequate care or control that results in:

- (1) Property damage, it is a class B misdemeanor, unless the damage exceeds \$750, then it is a class E felony;
- (2) Physical injury to a person, it is a class A misdemeanor;
- (3) Serious physical injury to a person, it is a class E felony;
or
- (4) Death to a person , it is a class D felony.

The bill also repeals a provision allowing the court to waive all fines and penalties for the first finding of guilt if the person shows that the adequate, permanent remedies have been made.