



STATE OF IOWA
KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR

May 11, 2026

The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

House File 2348, an Act relating to animal torture, and providing penalties.

The above House File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Reynolds".

Kim Reynolds
Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



House File 2348

AN ACT

RELATING TO ANIMAL TORTURE, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 717B.3A, Code 2026, is amended by adding the following new subsection:


NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. A person is guilty of animal torture if the person intentionally, willfully, and maliciously mutilates, burns, poisons, drowns, starves, or causes intensive or prolonged pain or death to a companion animal, or causes, directs, or provides anything of value to another person to do the same.

Sec. 2. Section 717B.3A, subsections 4 and 5, Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:

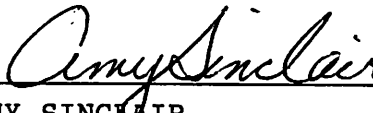
4. A person who commits animal torture in violation of subsection 1 is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor. A person who commits animal torture in violation of subsection 1A is guilty of a class "D" felony.

5. Notwithstanding subsection 4, a person who commits animal torture ~~is guilty of a class "D" felony~~ shall be guilty of an offense one degree higher than the underlying offense if the person has previously been convicted of committing animal abuse pursuant to section 717B.2, animal neglect punishable as a serious misdemeanor or aggravated misdemeanor pursuant to section 717B.3, animal torture pursuant to this section, injury to or interference with a police service dog pursuant to

section 717B.9, bestiality pursuant to section 717C.1, or an act involving a contest event prohibited in section 717D.2.




PAT GRASSLEY
Speaker of the House



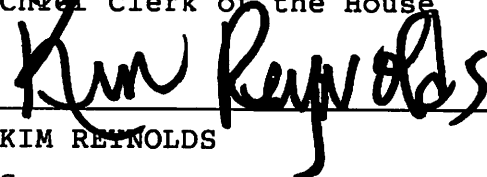
AMY SINCLAIR
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2348, Ninety-first General Assembly.



MEGHAN NELSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 11th, 2026



KIM REYNOLDS
Governor