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A BILL FOR

1 An Act to increase the penalty applicable to persons who commit
2 animal abuse.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 717B.2, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
2 1997, is amended to read as follows:

3 A person is guilty of animal abuse if the person
4 intentionally injures, maims, disfigures, or destroys an
5 animal owned by another person, in any manner, including
6 intentionally poisoning the animal. A person guilty of animal
7 abuse is guilty of ~~an aggravated misdemeanor~~ a class "D"
8 felony. This section shall not apply to any of the following:

9 EXPLANATION

10 This bill increases the penalty applicable to animal abuse
11 from an aggravated misdemeanor to a class "D" felony. An
12 aggravated misdemeanor is punishable by imprisonment not to
13 exceed two years and a fine of at least \$500 but not more than
14 \$5,000. A class "D" felony is punishable by imprisonment of
15 not to exceed 5 years and a fine of at least \$500 but not more
16 than \$7,500.

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