

**Senate File 195 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 195  
BY DONAHUE

**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act relating to animal torture and providing penalties.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 717B.3A, subsections 4 and 5, Code 2025,  
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 4. A person who commits animal torture is guilty of an  
4 ~~aggravated misdemeanor~~ a class "D" felony.

5 5. Notwithstanding subsection 4, a person who commits animal  
6 torture is guilty of a class "~~D~~" "C" felony if the person  
7 has previously been convicted of committing animal abuse  
8 pursuant to section 717B.2, animal neglect punishable as a  
9 serious misdemeanor or aggravated misdemeanor pursuant to section  
10 717B.3, animal torture pursuant to this section, injury to or  
11 interference with a police service dog pursuant to section  
12 717B.9, bestiality pursuant to section 717C.1, or an act  
13 involving a contest event prohibited in section 717D.2.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill relates to animal torture.

18 Current law under Code section 717B.3A provides that a person  
19 who commits animal torture is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor  
20 for a first offense, or a class "D" felony if the person  
21 has previously been convicted of committing animal abuse under  
22 Code section 717B.2, animal neglect punishable as a serious  
23 misdemeanor or aggravated misdemeanor under Code section 717B.3,  
24 animal torture, injury to or interference with a police service  
25 dog under Code section 717B.9, bestiality under Code section  
26 717C.1, or an act involving an animal contest event under Code  
27 section 717D.2.

28 The bill increases the penalty for a first offense of animal  
29 torture to a class "D" felony, and to a class "C" felony if the  
30 person has previously been convicted of committing animal abuse,  
31 animal neglect punishable as a serious misdemeanor or aggravated  
32 misdemeanor, animal torture, injury to or interference with a  
33 police service dog, bestiality, or an act involving an animal  
34 contest event.

35 A class "D" felony is punishable by confinement for no more

1 than five years and a fine of at least \$1,025 but not more than  
2 \$10,245. A class "C" felony is punishable by confinement for no  
3 more than 10 years and a fine of at least \$1,370 but not more  
4 than \$13,660.

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