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CHAPTER 473.

AN ACT to amend section 4445 of the statutes, relating to cruelty to animals, and providing a penalty.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4445 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 4445. 1. Any person who shall wilfully, maliciously or wantonly kill, maim, mutilate, disfigure or injure any horse, mule, cattle, sheep, dog or other domestic animal of another, except in cases expressly authorized by law, or administer poison to any such animal, or expose any poison with the intent that the same may be taken or swallowed by any such animal, or who shall overdrive, overload, maim, wound, torture, torment, cruelly beat or kill any such animal belonging to himself or another, or, being the owner or having the care or charge thereof, shall fail to provide necessary food, water or shelter for any such animal, or who shall turn out and abandon, without proper care and protection, or cruelly work any such animal of which he is the owner or has the care or charge, when old, diseased, disabled or unfit for work, or who shall carry or confine any live animal, fowl or bird in a cruel or inhuman manner, or cause, procure or abet any cruelty above mentioned, or the fighting or baiting of bulls, dogs or cocks shall, in all cases where such cruelty results in the death of such animal or is occasioned by the administering of poison, be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not less than three months or by imprisonment in the state prison for a period of not to exceed two years, or by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars, and in all other cases, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than six months or by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

2. *Any person who shall torture any animal of any kind whatsoever shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed six months or by both such fine and imprisonment; provided, however, that this section shall not forbid experiments carried on for scientific research.*

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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