

SENATE BILL NO. 435

BY SENATORS MORRELL, CARTER AND PEACOCK AND REPRESENTATIVE WILLMOTT

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:67.30, relative to the theft of animals; to create the crime of theft of  
3 animals; to provide definitions; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related  
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 **§67.30. Theft of animals**

7 **A. Except as provided in R.S. 3:2654, theft of animals is the**  
8 **misappropriation, killing, or taking of any animal which belongs to another,**  
9 **either without consent of the other to the misappropriation or taking, or by**  
10 **means of fraudulent conduct, practices, or representations. An intent to deprive**  
11 **the other permanently of the animal or an intent to ransom it for the purpose**  
12 **of extorting money or favor is essential.**

13 **B. Whoever commits the crime of theft of animals shall be imprisoned**  
14 **for not more than six months or fined not more than five hundred dollars or**  
15 **both. If the offender in such a case has been convicted of misdemeanor theft of**  
16 **an animal two or more times previously, upon any subsequent conviction he**  
17 **shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years or**  
18 **may be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or both.**

19 **C. For the purposes of this Section, "animal" means any nonhuman**  
20 **living creature except for livestock as defined in R.S. 14:67.1.**

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_