

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 607

BY REPRESENTATIVES GEYMANN AND MCKNIGHT

CRIME: Provides relative to penalties for the crime of simple cruelty to animals

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:102.1(A)(2)(a), relative to cruelty to animals; to provide  
3 relative to the penalties for a first offense of the crime of cruelty to animals; to  
4 provide relative to payments for expenses incurred for the animal; and to provide for  
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:102.1(A)(2)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
8 follows:

9 §102.1. Cruelty to animals; simple and aggravated

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12 (2)(a) Whoever commits the crime of simple cruelty to animals shall be fined  
13 not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or  
14 both. In addition, the court may order the offender to pay for any expenses incurred  
15 for the housing of the animal and for medical treatment of the animal, pursuant to  
16 Code of Criminal Procedure Article 883.2.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 607 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the payment of expenses incurred for a first offense of simple cruelty to animals.

Present law provides for the crime of simple cruelty to animals and provides that whoever commits a first offense of simple cruelty to animals shall be fined not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the court may order the offender to pay for any expenses incurred for the housing of the animal and for medical treatment of the animal, pursuant to present law (C.Cr.P. Art. 883.2).

(Amends R.S. 14:102.1(A)(2)(a))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Remove the proposed law minimum fine and minimum term of imprisonment.
2. Provide that the court may order the offender to pay for the housing of the animal, along with any medical treatment of the animal.
3. Provide that any payments ordered by the court for expenses incurred are to be made pursuant to present law (C.Cr.P. Art. 883.2).