

No. 2001-64

AN ACT

HB 1139

Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the offense of transporting equine animals in a cruel manner.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 5511(q) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding definitions and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

§ 5511. Cruelty to animals.

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(e.1) Transporting equine animals in cruel manner.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person commits a summary offense for each equine animal if the person carries, or causes or allows to be carried, any equine animal in or upon any conveyance or other vehicle whatsoever with two or more levels stacked on top of one another. A person who violates this subsection on a second or subsequent occasion commits a misdemeanor of the third degree for each equine animal transported.

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(q) Definitions.—As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

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“Conveyance.” A truck, tractor, trailer or semitrailer, or any combination of these, propelled or drawn by mechanical power.

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“Equine animal.” Any member of the Equidae family, which includes horses, asses, mules, ponies and zebras.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 25th day of June, A.D. 2001.

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