



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments\*

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### **Sub. H.B. 108**

129th General Assembly  
(S. Agriculture, Environment, & Natural Resources)

Amends the general prohibition against negligently committing specified types of cruel treatment against a companion animal by prohibiting persons with control over a companion animal from negligently:

--Committing any act by which unnecessary or unjustifiable pain or suffering is caused, permitted, or allowed to continue against the companion animal;

--Omitting any act by which unnecessary or unjustifiable pain or suffering is caused, permitted, or allowed to continue against the companion animal;

--Committing any act of neglect by which unnecessary or unjustifiable pain or suffering is caused, permitted, or allowed to continue against the companion animal; or

-- Killing the companion animal.

Amends the definition of "cruelty," "torment," and "torture" for purposes of the statutes governing the treatment of companion animals and the Humane Society Law by specifying that those terms include every act, omission, or neglect by which unnecessary or unjustifiable pain or suffering is caused, permitted, or allowed to continue against an animal and by eliminating a provision that specifies that certain acts are cruelty, torment, or torture only when there is a reasonable remedy or relief.