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SENATE BILL 254*
House Committee Substitute Favorable 5/25/10

Short Title: Susie's Law.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 23, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR THE MALICIOUS ABUSE, TORTURE, OR
3 KILLING OF AN ANIMAL.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-360(a1) reads as rewritten:

6 "(a1) If any person shall maliciously kill, or cause or procure to be killed, any animal by
7 intentional deprivation of necessary sustenance, that person shall be guilty of a ~~Class A1~~
8 ~~misdemeanor~~ Class H felony."

9 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 14-360(b) reads as rewritten:

10 "(b) If any person shall maliciously torture, mutilate, maim, cruelly beat, disfigure,
11 poison, or kill, or cause or procure to be tortured, mutilated, maimed, cruelly beaten, disfigured,
12 poisoned, or killed, any animal, every such offender shall for every such offense be guilty of a
13 ~~Class I~~ Class H felony. However, nothing in this section shall be construed to increase the
14 penalty for cockfighting provided for in G.S. 14-362."

15 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2010, and applies to
16 offenses committed on or after that date.

