

SENATE, No. 891

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
215th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires court to issue animal protection order against person found guilty of abusing an animal.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the protection of animals from abuse and
2 supplementing Title 4 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. In addition to the provisions of Title 4 of the Revised
8 Statutes concerning the confiscation and restrictions on ownership
9 of animals, the court, upon finding a person guilty of abusing an
10 animal or otherwise violating the State animal cruelty laws, may
11 issue an animal protection order against the person adjudged guilty
12 of the abuse or other violation, requiring the person to refrain from
13 interacting with an animal permanently or for a period of time
14 specified by the court. The court may issue the animal protection
15 order to apply to a specific animal with which the adjudged person
16 has had contact or any animal, as determined to be appropriate by
17 the court.

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19 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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22 STATEMENT

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24 This bill would authorize a court upon finding a person guilty of
25 abusing an animal or otherwise violating the State animal cruelty
26 laws, to issue an animal protection order against the person
27 adjudged guilty of the abuse or other violation. The animal
28 protection order would require the person to refrain from interacting
29 with an animal permanently or for a period of time specified by the
30 court. The court may issue the animal protection order to apply to a
31 specific animal with which the adjudged person has contact, or any
32 animal, as determined to be appropriate by the court.