

**Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.**

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*As Engrossed: S3/29/01 S4/9/01*

## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2443

5 By: Representative Wood  
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### **For An Act To Be Entitled**

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12 CRUELTY PREVENTI ON SOCI ETI ES; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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### **Subtitle**

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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 5-62-101 is amended to read as follows:

28 5-62-101. Cruel ty to animal s.

29 (a) A person commi ts the offense of cruel ty to animal s if, except as  
30 authorized by law, he knowi ngly:

31 (1) Abandons any animal ;

32 (2) Subject s any animal to cruel mi streatment;

33 (3) Subject s any animal in hi s custody to cruel neglect; or

34 (4) Kill s or injure s any animal belongi ng to another wi thout  
35 legal privilege or consent of the owner.

36 (b) Cruel ty to animal s is a Class A mi sdemeanor.

