House Bill 2637

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.**

Creates crime of animal abuse in third degree. Makes violation punishable by maximum of 30 days' imprisonment, $1,250 fine, or both.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to animal abuse.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2017 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 167.310 to 167.351.

SECTION 2. (1) A person commits the crime of animal abuse in the third degree if, except as otherwise authorized by law, the person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly engages in conduct that creates a substantial risk of physical injury to an animal.

(2) Any practice of good animal husbandry is not a violation of this section.

(3) Animal abuse in the third degree is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2017 Act applies to conduct occurring on or after the effective date of this 2017 Act.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.