

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# SENATE BILL NO. 595

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 578.009, RSMo 1994, relating to animal neglect, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject, with penalty provisions.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 578.009, RSMo 1994, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 578.009, to read as follows:

578.009. 1. A person is guilty of animal neglect when he has custody or ownership or both of an animal and fails to provide adequate care or adequate control, including, but not limited to, knowingly abandoning an animal in any place without making provisions for its adequate care [which results in substantial harm to the animal].

2. Animal neglect is a class C misdemeanor upon first conviction and for each offense, punishable by imprisonment or a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars, or both, and a class B misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment or a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars, or both upon the second and all subsequent convictions. All fines and penalties for a first conviction of animal neglect may be waived by the court provided that the person found guilty of animal neglect shows that adequate, permanent remedies for the neglect have been made. Reasonable costs incurred for the care and maintenance of neglected animals may not be waived.

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**EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**