2022 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 128

Introduced by: ***Senator*** *Johns*

An Act to increase the penalty for neglect, abandonment, and mistreatment of animals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 40-1-2.3 be AMENDED:

40-1-2.3. No person owning or responsible for the care of an animal may neglect, abandon, or mistreat the animal. A violation ~~of this section~~ is a Class 1 misdemeanor. If the neglect, abandonment, or mistreatment results in serious physical injury, illness, or death of the animal, the violation is a Class 6 felony.