



2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 156

Introduced by: **Senator Howard**

1 **An Act to modify the crime of cruelty to an animal and increase the penalty therefor.**

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

3 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 40-1:**

4 An individual who commits the offense provided for in § 40-1-2.4 in an especially
5 depraved, heinous, sadistic, or wicked manner is guilty of a Class 4 felony.