Senate Bill 128

AMENDMENT 128A FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL

1 An Act to increase the penalty for neglect, abandonment, and mistreatment of 2 animals.

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

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

5 **40-1-2.3.** No person owning or responsible for the care of an animal may neglect,

6 abandon, or mistreat the animal. A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor. If

7 <u>the neglect, abandonment, or mistreatment results in serious physical injury, illness,</u>

8 <u>bodily injury or death of the animal, the violation is a Class 6 felony</u>.