



HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 2348 (Formerly HSB 557)	House Committee:	PASSED on February 5 (21-0)
Committee:	Judiciary	House Floor:	
Floor Manager:	Rep. Fett	Senate Floor:	
Date:	March 5, 2026	Governor:	
Staff:	Amanda Wille (1-5230)		

Animal Torture

- Clarifies the definition of animal torture and increases the penalty.
- Increases penalty for other types of second offense animal abuse.
- **Fiscal Note** –Minimal, but can't be determined.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 – Mistreatment of Animals Animal Torture- Penalties (717B.3A)

Animal torture is defined as when an animal is crushed, burned, drowned suffocated, impaled or otherwise subject to serious injury or death.

Class "D" felony, previously an aggravated misdemeanor.

The bill also increases the penalty from a Class "D" felony to a Class "C" felony for a person who has previously been convicted of committing any of the following:

- Animal abuse (717B.2).
- Animal neglect punishable as a serious misdemeanor or aggravated misdemeanor (717B.3).
- Animal torture under the Bill, injury to or interference with a police service dog (717B.9).
- Bestiality (717C.1).
- An act involving a prohibited animal contest (717D.2)

Amendment Analysis