

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2283 Session of 2020

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 MARCH 4, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 4, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
 2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in budget and finance,
 3 providing for Animal Cruelty Investigation Fund.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
 7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 3576. Animal Cruelty Investigation Fund.

9 (a) Fund established.--The Animal Cruelty Investigation Fund
 10 is established as a special fund in the State Treasury. Money in
 11 the fund may only be used for purposes of animal cruelty
 12 investigations, which shall include training, equipment and
 13 employment expenses of humane society police officers and food,
 14 shelter and veterinary costs for animals who are victims of
 15 animal cruelty. Money in the fund and the interest accruing on
 16 the money in the fund are appropriated to the Attorney General
 17 who may expend the money directly for training and equipping

1 humane society police officers, development of animal cruelty
2 investigation materials, salary and benefits for attorneys to
3 prosecute and train other prosecutors in animal cruelty cases
4 and grants to animal shelters to fund animal cruelty
5 investigations or other expenses permissible under this section.

6 (b) Assessment.--In addition to any other costs that may be
7 imposed for a violation of 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 55 Subch. B (relating
8 to cruelty to animals), an assessment of \$5 shall be imposed.
9 Money collected shall be transmitted to the State Treasurer for
10 deposit into the fund.

11 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "fund"
12 means the Animal Cruelty Investigation Fund.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.