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HOUSE BILL ***1238***

AN ACT **relative to animal cruelty involving an equine colt.**

SPONSORS: **Rep. W. Marsh, Carr. 8; Rep. DesMarais, Carr. 6; Rep. Irwin, Sull. 6; Rep. Nelson, Carr. 5; Rep. Massimilla, Graf. 1**

COMMITTEE: **Environment and Agriculture**

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill includes possession or sale of equine colts under 90 days old as acts of animal cruelty.

This bill also repeals several provisions relative to animal cruelty.

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Explanation: **Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

170:1 Animal Cruelty; Colts Less than 90 Days Old. Amend RSA 644:8, III(e)-(f) to read as follows:

(e) Negligently abandons any animal previously in his *or her* possession or custody by causing such animal to be left without supervision or adequate provision for its care, sustenance*,* or shelter; [~~or~~]

(f) *Has in his or her possession an equine colt that is less than 90 days old that is not being nursed by its dam, unless the colt was born in this state, and its dam has died within this state before the colt became 90 days old;*

(g) Sells an equine colt that is less than 90 days old that is not being nursed by its dam; or

***(h)* Otherwise negligently permits or causes any animal in his *or her* possession or custody to be subjected to cruelty, inhumane treatment*,* or unnecessary suffering of any kind.**

170:2 Repeal. The following are repealed:

I. RSA 435:5, relative to colts less than 90 days old.

II. RSA 105:14-18, relative to cruelty to animals.

170:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2019.

Approved: June 08, 2018
Effective Date: January 01, 2019