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Proposed Amendments to Bill C-246

The following amendments to Bill C-246 have been proposed by the sponsoring MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith (Beaches—East York, Ontario) to address concerns brought forward by some organizations and members of the public.

1. *Section 160 of the Criminal Code* is amended by adding the following after subsection (3):(4) For the purposes of this section, bestiality means sexual activity between a person and an animal.

2. *Section 445.1 of the Code* amended as follows:

445.1(1) Everyone commits an offence who

(b) in any manner encourages, promotes, receives money for, aids or assists at the fighting or baiting of animals or birds, including breeding, training or transporting an animal or bird to fight

3. A new *section 445.2* be created. The Act is amended by adding the following after section 445.1:

445.2 (1) Everyone commits an offence who

(a) negligently causes unnecessary pain, suffering or injury to an animal or a bird;

(b) being the owner, or the person having the custody or control of an animal or a bird, wilfully or recklessly abandons it or negligently fails to provide suitable and adequate food, water, air, shelter and care for it;

or

(c) negligently injures an animal or a bird while it is being conveyed.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), “negligently” means departing markedly from the standard of care that a reasonable person would use.

(3) Everyone who commits an offence under subsection (1) is guilty of

(a) an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for a term of not more than two years; or

(b) an offence punishable on summary conviction and liable to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term of not more than six months or to both.

This amendment uses language a previous proposed bill presented in 2014 named C-610:

See here: http://www.parl.gc.ca/content/hoc/Bills/412/Private/C-610/C-610_1/C-610_1.PDF