

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the Chapter 106 of the Acts of the Legislative Assembly to define instances in which keeping animals outside in certain weather conditions constitutes cruelty to animals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Extreme Weather Protection for Animals Act of 2017”.

Sec. 2. Chapter 106 of the Acts of the Legislative Assembly, approved August 23, 1871 (D.C. Official Code § 22-1001 et seq.), is amended as follows:

Section (b-1) is added to read as follows:

“(b-1) For the purposes of this section, “protection from the weather” means keeping an animal outside for a period longer than 15 minutes when a Cold Emergency Alert is called or when the temperature falls, or is forecasted to fall, to 15°F or below including wind chill, or 20°F, including wind chill, and one or more of the following conditions exists: (a) steady precipitation for 60 consecutive minutes; (b) snow accumulation of 3 inches or more, (c) other meteorological conditions or threats as determined by Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency.”

36           Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

37           The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal  
38 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,  
39 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

40           Sec. 4. Effective date.

41           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by  
42 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional  
43 review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved  
44 December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the  
45 District of Columbia Register.