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SENATE BILL NO. 53

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CRIME/PUNISHMENT. Classifies cruelty to animals as a "crime of violence". (8/1/18)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:2(B)(48), relative to crimes of violence; to classify cruelty to animals as a crime of violence; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:2(B)(48) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2. Definitions

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B. In this Code, "crime of violence" means an offense that has, as an element, the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against the person or property of another, and that, by its very nature, involves a substantial risk that physical force against the person or property of another may be used in the course of committing the offense or an offense that involves the possession or use of a dangerous weapon. The following enumerated offenses and attempts to commit any of them are included as "crimes of violence":

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(48) Cruelty to animals

