



2022 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 128

Introduced by: **Senator Johns**

1 **An Act to increase the penalty for neglect, abandonment, and mistreatment of**
2 **animals.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 40-1-2.3 be AMENDED:**

5 **40-1-2.3.** No person owning or responsible for the care of an animal may neglect,
6 abandon, or mistreat the animal. A violation ~~of this section~~ is a Class 1 misdemeanor. If
7 the neglect, abandonment, or mistreatment results in serious physical injury, illness, or
8 death of the animal, the violation is a Class 6 felony.