

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2414**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Solorio**

February 24, 2012

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An act to amend Sections 597u and 597v of, and to repeal Section 597y of, the Penal Code, relating to animal euthanasia.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2414, as introduced, Solorio. Euthanasia: animals.

Existing law prohibits a person from killing any animal by using carbon monoxide gas or, except as specified, by intracardiac injection of a euthanasia agent on a conscious animal. With respect to the killing of any dog or cat, existing law prohibits a person from using a high-altitude decompression chamber or nitrogen gas. Existing law prohibits any person from killing a newborn dog or cat whose eyes have not yet opened by any method other than by the use of chloroform vapor or by inoculation of barbiturates. Existing law states that a violation of the above provisions is a misdemeanor.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 597u of the Penal Code is amended to  
2 read:

1 597u. (a) No person, peace officer, officer of a humane society,  
2 or officer of a pound or animal regulation department of a public  
3 agency shall kill any animal by using any of the following methods:

- 4 (1) Carbon monoxide gas.
- 5 (2) Intracardiac injection of a euthanasia agent on a conscious  
6 animal, unless the animal is heavily sedated or anesthetized in a  
7 humane manner, or comatose, or unless, in light of all the relevant  
8 circumstances, the procedure is justifiable.

9 (b) With respect to the killing of any dog or cat, no person,  
10 peace officer, officer of a humane society, or officer of a pound  
11 or animal regulation department of a public agency shall use any  
12 of the methods specified in subdivision (a) or any of the following  
13 methods:

- 14 (1) High-altitude decompression chamber.
- 15 (2) Nitrogen-gas gas.

16 (c) *A violation of this section is a misdemeanor.*

17 SEC. 2. Section 597v of the Penal Code is amended to read:

18 597v. (a) No person, peace officer, officer of a humane  
19 society, or officer of a pound or animal regulation department of  
20 a public agency shall kill any newborn dog or cat whose eyes have  
21 not yet opened by any other method than by the use of chloroform  
22 vapor or by inoculation of barbiturates.

23 (b) *A violation of this section is a misdemeanor.*

24 SEC. 3. Section 597y of the Penal Code is repealed.

25 ~~597y. A violation of Section 597u or 597v is a misdemeanor.~~