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**(Bill No. 124)**

**An Act to Amend the Animal Welfare Act**

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## AN ACT TO AMEND THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT

BILL NO. 124

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BE IT ENACTED by the Lieutenant Governor and the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island as follows:

**1. The *Animal Welfare Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. A-11.2*, is amended by the addition of the following after section 4:**

**4.1 Improper release of commercial animals**

(1) No person shall, without lawful authority or excuse, enter a building or other enclosed place in which commercial animals are kept knowing that or being reckless as to whether entering such a place could result in the release or escape of any of the commercial animals.

**Liability for improper release**

(2) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) with the result that commercial animals are released from the building or other place they are kept, shall be liable to the owner of the animals for the cost of any harm to the animals and any costs to the owner incurred under section 25, in addition to any fine that may be imposed as a result of a prosecution under this Act.

**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

**SECTION 1** prohibits any person without lawful authority or excuse, from entering a building or other enclosed place in which commercial animals are kept knowing that or being reckless as to whether entering such a place could result in the release or escape of any of the commercial animals. It also makes a person who contravenes the prohibition liable to the owner of the animals for the cost of any harm to the animal in addition to any fine imposed under the Act.





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| <i>3rd Reading and Pass:</i> |                   |
| <i>Assent:</i>               |                   |

**SIGNATURES:**

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