

Committee Action:  
Do Pass \_\_\_\_\_  
Amend & Do Pass \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Assembly Committee on Judiciary**

This measure may be considered for action during today's work session.

**ASSEMBLY BILL 159**

**Revises provisions relating to cruelty to animals. (BDR 16-71)**

**Sponsored By:** Assembly Members O'Neill, Dickman, Kasama, Considine, and Hardy, et al.

**Date Heard:** March 2, 2023

**Fiscal Notes:** Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

This bill adds certain offenses relating to cruelty to animals to the list of offenses for which credits earned by offenders may not be deducted from the minimum term or the minimum aggregate term imposed by a sentence. Certain offenses relating to cruelty to animals are added to the list of offenses for which the court may not defer judgment. The bill sets the maximum period of probation or suspension of sentence for certain offenses relating to cruelty to animals at 60 months. Lastly, the bill adds certain offenses relating to cruelty to animals to the list of offenses for which a person must not have been convicted in order to be eligible for such early discharge from probation.

**Amendments:** There are no amendments for this measure.