

TITLE 6: CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
DIVISION 3: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES

§ 3197. Animal Cruelty; Exemptions.

The following conduct is exempt from prosecution under this article:

- (a) The conduct was an accepted veterinary practice performed by a veterinarian licensed to practice in the Commonwealth in accordance with the American Veterinary Medical Association standards;
- (b) The conduct was consistent with traditional customs or cultural practices or an accepted farming or husbandry practice, including slaughter for personal consumption and cockfighting;
- (c) The conduct was a lawful hunting, fishing or trapping practice;
- (d) The conduct was in defense of a person or person's property from the reasonable threat of an attack by an animal;
- (e) The conduct was lawful research or teaching; or
- (f) The conduct was an accepted method of control of rodents, pests or snakes by trapping or killing.

Source: PL 21-31, § 3 (July 7, 2020).

Commission Comment: See Commission comment to 6 CMC § 3191.