

SB 86 – Animal Hoarding

This bill amends s. 828.02, F.S. and s. 828.12, F.S., defining animal hoarding and adding it as an act of animal cruelty, making it an **unranked, 3rd degree felony**.

Per FDLE, in FY 16-17, there were 84 guilty convictions and 36 adjudications withheld for the 1st degree misdemeanor of animal cruelty. Per DOC, in FY 16-17, there were 135 (adj.) offenders sentenced for felony animal cruelty offenses, and 8 (adj.) were sentenced to prison (mean sentence length=21.4 m, incarceration rate: 5.9% adj.-5.7% unadj.). It is not known how many of these cases were associated with animal hoarding.

In FY 16-17, the incarceration rate for an unranked, 3rd degree felony was 9.5%.

CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Positive Insignificant

Requested by: Senate