

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1939

Introduced by Assembly Member Steinorth

January 25, 2018

An act relating to abuse.

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AB 1939, as introduced, Steinorth. Domestic violence and animal abuse.

Existing law establishes various crimes that constitute domestic violence, including willfully inflicting corporal injury resulting in a traumatic condition, as defined, upon a person with whom the defendant has been in a specified domestic relationship. Existing law provides for the funding of county domestic violence shelter-based programs to assist victims of domestic violence. Existing law also makes it a crime, punishable as specified, to commit various forms of animal abuse, including, among others, maliciously or intentionally maiming or killing an animal and dogfighting.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to domestic violence and animal abuse, including legislation to create a framework for public domestic violence shelters to provide temporary housing solutions for pets of domestic violence victims at local animal shelters.

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. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation to do all of the following:
- 3 (a) Promote the safety of domestic violence victims and prevent
- 4 animal abuse.
- 5 (b) Create a framework for public domestic violence shelters
- 6 to provide temporary housing solutions for pets of domestic
- 7 violence victims at local animal shelters.
- 8 (c) Develop partnerships between public domestic violence
- 9 shelters and public and nonprofit animal shelters.

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