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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Judiciary

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: January 20, 2022

Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2364

HB 2364 defines the term “torturing” for the purposes of the crime of cruelty to animals.

The bill amends K.S.A. 21-6412, the crime of cruelty to animals. Current law in subsection (a)(1) provides that one unlawful act covered by this crime is knowingly and maliciously torturing any animal. Subsection (i) of the statute provides for definitions to be used in the crime. This bill adds a definition of “torturing” which would include, but not be limited to, “confining or restricting an animal in a way that is likely to cause death.”