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2 Introduced by Representatives Klein of East Montpelier, Lanpher of
3 Vergennes, Manwaring of Wilmington, Shand of Weathersfield,
4 Sweaney of Windsor and Webb of Shelburne

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Crimes; humane and proper treatment of animals

8 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require that debarking, tail
9 docking, and surgical birth procedures on dogs be performed only by licensed
10 veterinarians and with the animal under general anesthesia.

11 An act relating to requiring that certain surgical procedures on dogs be
12 performed by a licensed veterinarian

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 351 is amended to read:

15 § 351. DEFINITIONS

16 As used in this chapter:

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18 (19) “Debarking” means cutting of a dog’s vocal cords or altering any
19 part of a dog’s resonance chamber.

