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**An Act to amend the *Family Violence Act 2004***

**[Royal Assent 13 December 2024]**

Be it enacted by Her Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Family Violence Amendment (Protecting People and Their Pets) Act 2024*.

**2. Commencement**

This Act commences on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

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**3. Principal Act**

In this Act, the *Family Violence Act 2004*\* is referred to as the Principal Act.

**4. Section 7 amended (Family violence)**

The definition of *family violence* in section 7 of the Principal Act is amended as follows:

- (a) by omitting from paragraph (c)(iii) “child.” and substituting “child; or”;
- (b) by inserting the following paragraphs after paragraph (c):
  - (d) any conduct committed by a person that causes the death or neglect of, or injury to, an animal that, directly or indirectly –
    - (i) intimidates, coerces or controls the person’s spouse or partner; or
    - (ii) causes mental harm to, or apprehension or fear in, the person’s spouse or partner; or
  - (e) any threats made by a person regarding the potential death or neglect of, or injury to, an animal that, directly or indirectly –

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- (i) intimidates, coerces or controls the person's spouse or partner; or
  - (ii) causes mental harm to, or apprehension or fear in, the person's spouse or partner; or
- (f) any conduct referred to in paragraph (d) or threats referred to in paragraph (e) by a person that the person knows, or reasonably ought to know, is likely to, directly or indirectly –
  - (i) intimidate, coerce or control the person's spouse or partner; or
  - (ii) cause mental harm to, or apprehension or fear in, the person's spouse or partner.

**5. Section 7 further amended (Family violence)**

Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended as follows:

- (a) by renumbering the text of the section as subsection (1);
- (b) by inserting the following subsection after subsection (1):

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(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(d), (e) or (f), it is irrelevant whether the animal referred to in the relevant paragraph –

(a) is owned by a person referred to in the paragraph or another person; or

(b) is domesticated or not.

**6. Repeal of Act**

This Act is repealed on the first anniversary of the day on which this Act commences.

*[Second reading presentation speech made in:–  
House of Assembly on 20 November 2024  
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