



## Law Against Cruelty to Animals (Animal Protection) (Amendment 8), 5772 - 2011\*

Addition of Article 1. In the Law Against Cruelty to Animals (Animal Protection) 5754-1994<sup>1</sup>  
2b (hereinafter – the Main Law), Article 2a shall be followed by:

“Prohibition against declawing 2b (a) No person shall cut or exercise the joints of a cat’s digits or tendons or any living part of its claws (in this section – cutting process) unless this is required for the purpose of medical treatment of the cat or to prevent a serious health risk to its owner; it is presumed that there is a serious health risk to the cat’s owner if medical confirmation is presented to the veterinarian implementing the cutting process, stating that implementation of the process is required to prevent said danger (in this section - medical confirmation).

(b) The veterinarian implementing the cutting process on a cat -

(1) shall tag it with a subcutaneous marker in the form of an electronic chip approved by the Director, if not tagged with a chip as stated;

(2) shall report to the supervisor, shortly after implementing the process, on the details of the electronic chip with which the cat is tagged, the details of the owner and the cat, and the reasons for implementation of the process; should the process be implemented in order to prevent a serious health risk to the cat’s owner, the veterinarian shall attach the medical confirmation to said report.

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<sup>1</sup> Codex of Laws 5754, p. 56; 5768, p. 655.

(c) After implementation of a cutting process on a cat, the veterinarian implementing the cutting process shall explain to its owner that he or she must take all necessary measures in a reasonable manner to prevent the cat leaving the place where it is kept without supervision."

Amendment to Article 17 2. In Article 17(b) of the Main Law, "2b(a)" shall be inserted after "2a".

Amendment to Article 17a 3. In Article 17a(a) of the Main Law, "2b(a)" shall be inserted after "2".

Amendment to the Law of Veterinary Medicine [no. 5] 4. In the Law of Veterinary Medicine, 5751 - 1991<sup>2</sup>, article 19(a), after paragraph (7) shall come:

"(8) If he or she has not tagged a cat in contradiction to the provisions of Article 2b(b) of the Law Against Cruelty to Animals (Animal Protection), 5754 - 1994<sup>3</sup>, or has not made a report in accordance with the instructions of said Article."

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<sup>2</sup> Codex of Laws 5771, p. 76;5765, p. 744.

<sup>3</sup> Codex of Laws 5754, p. 56;