

1 AN ACT relating to assaults on animals utilized for the principal purpose of law  
2 enforcement.

3 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

4 ➔Section 1. KRS 525.200 is amended to read as follows:

- 5 (1) A person is guilty of assault on a service animal in the first degree when, *without*  
6 *legal justification or lawful authority:*  
7 *(a) He or she intentionally kills or causes serious physical injury to a service*  
8 *animal;*  
9 *(b) He or she intentionally causes physical injury to a service animal by means*  
10 *of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument; or*  
11 *(c) He or she wantonly causes serious physical injury to a service animal by*  
12 *means of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument* ~~he intentionally and~~  
13 ~~without legal justification or lawful authority kills or causes physical injury to~~  
14 ~~a service animal to the extent that a service animal becomes physically~~  
15 ~~incapable of ever returning to service].~~  
16 (2) *For the purposes of this section, "service animal" has the same meaning as*  
17 *defined in KRS 525.010, except that "service animal" does not include assistance*  
18 *dogs as defined in KRS 525.010(6)(h).*  
19 (3) Assault on a service animal in the first degree is a Class D felony.