

AN ACT relating to service animals.

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

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

(1) A person is guilty of assault on a service animal in the first degree when, *without legal justification or lawful authority:*

*(a) He intentionally kills or causes serious physical injury to a service animal;*

*(b) He intentionally causes physical injury to a service animal by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument; or*

*(c) He wantonly causes serious physical injury to a service animal by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument* ~~he intentionally and without legal justification or lawful authority kills or causes physical injury to a service animal to the extent that a service animal becomes physically incapable of ever returning to service~~.

(2) Assault on a service animal in the first degree is a Class D felony.