

HB 1618 -- OFFENSES AGAINST POLICE ANIMALS

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This bill creates the offense of killing a police animal, which a person commits when he or she intentionally targets and kills a police animal while the animal is performing its duties. The offense of killing a police animal is a class A felony.

The offense of assault on a police animal is currently a class C misdemeanor, unless the assault results in the death of the animal or the animal is disabled to the point that the animal is no longer able to be used as a police animal, in which case it is a class E felony. Under this bill, the offense would be a class A misdemeanor, unless the animal dies or is severely disabled, in which case it would be a class B felony.