

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1618

## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE VAN SCHOIACK.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 575.353, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to offenses against police animals, with penalty provisions.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 575.353, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 575.352 and 575.353, to read as follows:

**575.352. 1. A person commits the offense of killing a police animal if the person intentionally targets and kills a police animal while the animal is in the performance of its duties.**

**2. The offense of killing a police animal is a class A felony.**

575.353. 1. A person commits the offense of assault on a police animal if he or she knowingly attempts to kill or disable or knowingly causes or attempts to cause serious physical injury to a police animal when that animal is involved in law enforcement investigation, apprehension, tracking, or search, or the animal is in the custody of or under the control of a law enforcement officer, department of corrections officer, municipal police department, fire department or a rescue unit or agency.

2. The offense of assault on a police animal is a class ~~C~~ A misdemeanor, unless the assault results in the death of such animal or disables such animal to the extent it is unable to be utilized as a police animal, in which case it is a class ~~E~~ B felony.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.