

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1910

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BRATTIN.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 575.353, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to assault on police animals, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Section 575.353, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 575.353, to read as follows:

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 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.