

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1635**

68th Legislature  
2024 Regular Session

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Yeas 96 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

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2024  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1635** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** Representatives Mosbrucker, Walsh, and Eslick

Read first time 01/27/23. Referred to Committee on Community Safety, Justice, & Reentry.

1            AN ACT Relating to limiting liability arising from the use of  
2 trained police dogs; amending RCW 4.24.410; and adding a new section  
3 to chapter 43.101 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7            By July 1, 2025, the commission shall develop model standards for  
8 the training and certification of canine teams to detect fentanyl.  
9 When developing the model standards, the commission shall consult  
10 with:

11            (1) Experts including public and private organizations that train  
12 canines to imprint on controlled substances;

13            (2) Law enforcement or correctional agencies that use canines to  
14 detect controlled substances;

15            (3) Experts on the training of canines for use by law  
16 enforcement; and

17            (4) Licensed medical professionals and veterinarians, to the  
18 extent reasonably available, with expertise in: (a) Developing and  
19 implementing protocols to minimize exposure of canines and their  
20 handlers to opioids and their derivatives, including fentanyl and its  
21 derivatives; (b) detecting clinical signs of such exposure; and (c)

1 intervening with timely and appropriate medical and veterinary  
2 medical treatment in the field, during stabilization and transport,  
3 and in-hospital following exposure to opioids and their derivatives,  
4 including fentanyl and its derivatives.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 4.24.410 and 1993 c 180 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) As used in this section:

8 (a) "Police dog" means a dog used by a law enforcement agency  
9 specially trained for law enforcement work and under the control of a  
10 dog handler.

11 (b) "Accelerant detection dog" means a dog used exclusively for  
12 accelerant detection by the state fire marshal or a fire department  
13 and under the control of the state fire marshal or his or her  
14 designee or a fire department handler.

15 (c) "Dog handler" means a law enforcement officer who has  
16 successfully completed training as prescribed by the Washington state  
17 criminal justice training commission in police dog handling, or in  
18 the case of an accelerant detection dog, the state fire marshal's  
19 designee or an employee of the fire department authorized by the fire  
20 chief to be the dog's handler.

21 (d) "Lawful application of a police dog" means employment or  
22 specific use of a police dog as allowed by law.

23 (2) Any dog handler who uses a police dog in the line of duty in  
24 good faith is immune from civil action for damages arising out of  
25 such use of the police dog or accelerant detection dog.

26 (3) A state or local government or law enforcement agency is not  
27 strictly liable for damages resulting from the lawful application of  
28 a police dog.

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