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2	An act relating to police dogs, fire dogs, SAR
3	dogs, and police horses; amending s. 843.19,
4	F.S.; prohibiting intentionally and knowingly,
5	without justification, causing great bodily
6	harm to or using a deadly weapon upon a police
7	dog, fire dog, SAR dog, or police horse;
8	prohibiting actually and intentionally
9	maliciously touching, striking, or causing
10	bodily harm to a police dog, fire dog, SAR dog,
11	or police horse; prohibiting maliciously
12	harassing, teasing, interfering with, or
13	attempting to interfere with a police dog, fire
14	dog, SAR dog, or police horse while the animal
15	is in the performance of its duties; providing
16	penalties; providing for restitution from
17	violators; providing application; providing an
18	effective date.
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20	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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22	Section 1. Section 843.19, Florida Statutes, is
23	amended to read:
24	843.19 Offenses against Injuring or killing police
25	<u>doqs</u> dog , fire <u>doqs</u> dog , SAR <u>doqs</u> dog , or police <u>horses</u> horse
26	prohibited; penalty
27	(1) As used in this section, the term:
28	(a) "Police dog" means any dog, and "police horse"
29	means any horse, that is owned, or the service of which is
30	employed, by a law enforcement agency for the principal
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purpose of aiding in the detection of criminal activity, 1 2 enforcement of laws, or apprehension of offenders. 3 (b) "Fire dog" means any dog that is owned, or the 4 service of which is employed, by a fire department, a special fire district, or the State Fire Marshal for the principal 5 purpose of aiding in the detection of flammable materials or б 7 the investigation of fires. 8 (c) "SAR dog" means any search and rescue dog that is 9 owned, or the service of which is utilized, by a fire department, a law enforcement agency, a special fire district, 10 or the State Fire Marshal for the principal purpose of aiding 11 in the detection of missing persons, including, but not 12 13 limited to, persons who are lost, who are trapped under debris 14 as the result of a natural, manmade, or technological disaster, or who are drowning victims. 15 (2) Any person who intentionally and knowingly, and 16 willfully and without lawful cause or justification, causes 17 18 inflicts great bodily harm, permanent disability, or death to, 19 or uses a deadly weapon upon, a police dog, fire dog, SAR dog, or police horse commits a felony of the third degree, 20 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 21 22 775.084. 23 (3) Any person who actually and intentionally 24 maliciously touches, strikes, or causes bodily harm to a police dog, fire dog, SAR dog, or police horse commits a 25 26 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. 27 28 (4) Any person who intentionally or knowingly 29 maliciously harasses, teases, interferes with, or attempts to interfere with a police dog, fire dog, SAR dog, or police 30 horse while the animal is in the performance of its duties 31

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