

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Justice Appropriations Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to police dogs, fire dogs, SAR dogs, and  
7 police horses; amending s. 843.19, F.S.; prohibiting  
8 intentionally and knowingly, without justification,  
9 causing great bodily harm to or using a deadly weapon upon  
10 a police dog, fire dog, SAR dog, or police horse;  
11 prohibiting actually and intentionally maliciously  
12 touching, striking, or causing bodily harm to a police  
13 dog, fire dog, SAR dog, or police horse; prohibiting  
14 maliciously harassing, teasing, interfering with, or  
15 attempting to interfere with a police dog, fire dog, SAR  
16 dog, or police horse while the animal is in the  
17 performance of its duties; providing penalties; providing  
18 for restitution from violators; providing application;  
19 providing an effective date.

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21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

23 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 843.19, Florida  
24 Statutes, is amended, and subsections (3), (4), and (5) are  
25 added to said section, to read:

26 843.19 Offenses against ~~Injuring or killing~~ police dogs  
27 ~~dog~~, fire dogs ~~dog~~, SAR dogs ~~dog~~, or police horses ~~horse~~  
28 ~~prohibited; penalty.--~~

29 (2) Any person who intentionally and knowingly, ~~and~~  
30 ~~willfully and~~ without lawful cause or justification, causes  
31 great ~~inflicts~~ bodily harm, permanent disability, or death to,  
32 or uses a deadly weapon upon, a police dog, fire dog, SAR dog,  
33 or police horse commits a felony of the third degree, punishable  
34 as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

35 (3) Any person who actually and intentionally maliciously  
36 touches, strikes, or causes bodily harm to a police dog, fire  
37 dog, SAR dog, or police horse commits a misdemeanor of the first  
38 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

39 (4) Any person who intentionally or knowingly maliciously  
40 harasses, teases, interferes with, or attempts to interfere with  
41 a police dog, fire dog, SAR dog, or police horse while the  
42 animal is in the performance of its duties commits a misdemeanor  
43 of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.  
44 775.083.

45 (5) A person convicted of an offense under this section  
46 shall make restitution for injuries caused to the police dog,  
47 fire dog, SAR dog, or police horse and shall pay the replacement  
48 cost of the animal if, as a result of the offense, the animal  
49 can no longer perform its duties.

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50 |           Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2005, and  
51 | shall apply to offenses occurring on or after that date.