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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Criminal Justice (Bean) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 39 - 65

and insert:

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



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11 (3) Any person who actually and intentionally maliciously
12 touches, strikes, or causes bodily harm to a police canine ~~dog~~,
13 fire canine ~~dog~~, SAR canine ~~dog~~, or police horse commits a
14 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.
15 775.082 or s. 775.083.

16 (4) Any person who intentionally or knowingly maliciously
17 harasses, teases, interferes with, or attempts to interfere with
18 a police canine ~~dog~~, fire canine ~~dog~~, SAR canine ~~dog~~, or police
19 horse while the animal is in the performance of its duties
20 commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as
21 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

22 (5) A person convicted of an offense under this section
23 shall make restitution for injuries caused to the police canine
24 ~~dog~~, fire canine ~~dog~~, SAR canine ~~dog~~, or police horse and shall
25 pay the replacement cost of the animal if, as a result of the
26 offense, the animal can no longer perform its duties.

27 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 767.16, Florida
28 Statutes, is amended to read:

29 767.16 Police canine or service dog; exemption.-

30 (1) Any canine ~~dog~~ that is owned, or the service of which
31 is employed, by a law enforcement agency, is exempt from this
32 part.

33 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

34 And the title is amended as follows:

35 Delete lines 3 - 9

36 and insert:

37 dogs and police horses; amending s. 843.19, F.S.;
38 revising the defined terms "police dog" to "police
39 canine," "fire dog" to "fire canine," and "SAR dog" to



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40 "SAR canine"; increasing the penalty for intentionally
41 and knowingly causing great bodily harm, permanent
42 disability, or death to, or using a deadly weapon
43 upon, police canines or horses, fire canines, or SAR
44 canines; amending s. 767.16, F.S.; revising the term
45 "dog" to "canine" to conform to changes made by the
46 act;