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2 An act relating to police, fire, and search and rescue
3 dogs and police horses; amending s. 843.19, F.S.;
4 revising the defined terms "police dog" to "police
5 canine," "fire dog" to "fire canine," and "SAR dog" to
6 "SAR canine"; expanding the definitions of the terms
7 "police canine" and "SAR canine" to include any canine
8 that is owned, or the service of which is employed, by
9 a correctional agency; increasing the penalty for
10 intentionally and knowingly causing great bodily harm,
11 permanent disability, or death to, or using a deadly
12 weapon upon, police canines or horses, fire canines,
13 or SAR canines; amending s. 767.16, F.S.; revising the
14 term "dog" to "canine" to conform to changes made by
15 the act; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; conforming a
16 provision to changes made by the act; providing an
17 effective date.

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

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21 Section 1. Section 843.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to
22 read:

23 843.19 Offenses against police canines ~~dogs~~, fire canines
24 ~~dogs~~, SAR canines ~~dogs~~, or police horses.-

25 (1) As used in this section, the term:

26 (a) "Police canine ~~dog~~" means any canine ~~dog~~, and "police
27 horse" means any horse, that is owned, or the service of which
28 is employed, by a law enforcement agency or a correctional
29 agency for the principal purpose of aiding in the detection of

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30 criminal activity, enforcement of laws, or apprehension of
31 offenders.

32 (b) "Fire canine ~~dog~~" means any canine ~~dog~~ that is owned,
33 or the service of which is employed, by a fire department, a
34 special fire district, or the State Fire Marshal for the
35 principal purpose of aiding in the detection of flammable
36 materials or the investigation of fires.

37 (c) "SAR canine ~~dog~~" means any search and rescue canine ~~dog~~
38 that is owned, or the service of which is employed ~~utilized~~, by
39 a fire department, a law enforcement agency, a correctional
40 agency, a special fire district, or the State Fire Marshal for
41 the principal purpose of aiding in the detection of missing
42 persons, including, but not limited to, persons who are lost,
43 who are trapped under debris as the result of a natural,
44 manmade, or technological disaster, or who are drowning victims.

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

51 (3) Any person who actually and intentionally maliciously
52 touches, strikes, or causes bodily harm to a police canine ~~dog~~,
53 fire canine ~~dog~~, SAR canine ~~dog~~, or police horse commits a
54 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.
55 775.082 or s. 775.083.

56 (4) Any person who intentionally or knowingly maliciously
57 harasses, teases, interferes with, or attempts to interfere with
58 a police canine ~~dog~~, fire canine ~~dog~~, SAR canine ~~dog~~, or police

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59 horse while the animal is in the performance of its duties
60 commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as
61 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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

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

69 767.16 Police canine or service dog; exemption.—

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

73 Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
74 921.0022, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

75 921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity ranking
76 chart.—

77 (3) OFFENSE SEVERITY RANKING CHART

78 (c) LEVEL 3

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Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
119.10(2)(b)	3rd	Unlawful use of confidential information from police reports.
316.066	3rd	Unlawfully obtaining or

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	(3) (b) - (d)		using confidential crash reports.
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	316.193 (2) (b)	3rd	Felony DUI, 3rd conviction.
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	316.1935 (2)	3rd	Fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement officer in patrol vehicle with siren and lights activated.
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	319.30 (4)	3rd	Possession by junkyard of motor vehicle with identification number plate removed.
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	319.33 (1) (a)	3rd	Alter or forge any certificate of title to a motor vehicle or mobile home.
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	319.33 (1) (c)	3rd	Procure or pass title on stolen vehicle.
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	319.33 (4)	3rd	With intent to defraud, possess, sell, etc., a blank, forged, or unlawfully obtained title or registration.

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88	327.35 (2) (b)	3rd	Felony BUI.
89	328.05 (2)	3rd	Possess, sell, or counterfeit fictitious, stolen, or fraudulent titles or bills of sale of vessels.
90	328.07 (4)	3rd	Manufacture, exchange, or possess vessel with counterfeit or wrong ID number.
91	376.302 (5)	3rd	Fraud related to reimbursement for cleanup expenses under the Inland Protection Trust Fund.
92	379.2431 (1) (e) 5.	3rd	Taking, disturbing, mutilating, destroying, causing to be destroyed, transferring, selling, offering to sell, molesting, or harassing marine turtles, marine turtle eggs, or marine turtle nests in violation of the Marine Turtle

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93			Protection Act.
	379.2431 (1) (e) 6.	3rd	Possessing any marine turtle species or hatchling, or parts thereof, or the nest of any marine turtle species described in the Marine Turtle Protection Act.
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	379.2431 (1) (e) 7.	3rd	Soliciting to commit or conspiring to commit a violation of the Marine Turtle Protection Act.
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	400.9935 (4) (a) or (b)	3rd	Operating a clinic, or offering services requiring licensure, without a license.
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	400.9935 (4) (e)	3rd	Filing a false license application or other required information or failing to report information.
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	440.1051 (3)	3rd	False report of workers' compensation fraud or retaliation for making such

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98			a report.
	501.001 (2) (b)	2nd	Tampers with a consumer product or the container using materially false/misleading information.
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	624.401 (4) (a)	3rd	Transacting insurance without a certificate of authority.
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	624.401 (4) (b) 1.	3rd	Transacting insurance without a certificate of authority; premium collected less than \$20,000.
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	626.902 (1) (a) & (b)	3rd	Representing an unauthorized insurer.
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	697.08	3rd	Equity skimming.
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	790.15 (3)	3rd	Person directs another to discharge firearm from a vehicle.
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	806.10 (1)	3rd	Maliciously injure, destroy, or interfere with

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105			vehicles or equipment used in firefighting.
106	806.10 (2)	3rd	Interferes with or assaults firefighter in performance of duty.
107	810.09 (2) (c)	3rd	Trespass on property other than structure or conveyance armed with firearm or dangerous weapon.
108	812.014 (2) (c) 2.	3rd	Grand theft; \$5,000 or more but less than \$10,000.
109	812.0145 (2) (c)	3rd	Theft from person 65 years of age or older; \$300 or more but less than \$10,000.
110	815.04 (5) (b)	2nd	Computer offense devised to defraud or obtain property.
111	817.034 (4) (a) 3.	3rd	Engages in scheme to defraud (Florida Communications Fraud Act), property valued at less than \$20,000.

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112	817.233	3rd	Burning to defraud insurer.
113	817.234 (8) (b) & (c)	3rd	Unlawful solicitation of persons involved in motor vehicle accidents.
114	817.234 (11) (a)	3rd	Insurance fraud; property value less than \$20,000.
115	817.236	3rd	Filing a false motor vehicle insurance application.
116	817.2361	3rd	Creating, marketing, or presenting a false or fraudulent motor vehicle insurance card.
117	817.413 (2)	3rd	Sale of used goods as new.
118	831.28 (2) (a)	3rd	Counterfeiting a payment instrument with intent to defraud or possessing a counterfeit payment instrument.
	831.29	2nd	Possession of instruments for counterfeiting driver licenses or identification

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119			cards.
120	838.021 (3) (b)	3rd	Threatens unlawful harm to public servant.
121	843.19	<u>2nd</u> 3rd	Injure, disable, or kill <u>police, fire, or SAR canine</u> dog or <u>police</u> horse.
122	860.15 (3)	3rd	Overcharging for repairs and parts.
123	870.01 (2)	3rd	Riot; inciting or encouraging.
124	893.13 (1) (a) 2.	3rd	Sell, manufacture, or deliver cannabis (or other s. 893.03 (1) (c), (2) (c) 1., (2) (c) 2., (2) (c) 3., (2) (c) 6., (2) (c) 7., (2) (c) 8., (2) (c) 9., (2) (c) 10., (3), or (4) drugs).
	893.13 (1) (d) 2.	2nd	Sell, manufacture, or deliver s. 893.03 (1) (c), (2) (c) 1., (2) (c) 2., (2) (c) 3., (2) (c) 6., (2) (c) 7., (2) (c) 8.,

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(2) (c) 9., (2) (c) 10., (3),
or (4) drugs within 1,000
feet of university.

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893.13 (1) (f) 2.

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deliver s. 893.03 (1) (c),
(2) (c) 1., (2) (c) 2.,
(2) (c) 3., (2) (c) 6.,
(2) (c) 7., (2) (c) 8.,
(2) (c) 9., (2) (c) 10., (3),
or (4) drugs within 1,000
feet of public housing
facility.

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893.13 (4) (c)

3rd

Use or hire of minor;
deliver to minor other
controlled substances.

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893.13 (6) (a)

3rd

Possession of any
controlled substance other
than felony possession of
cannabis.

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893.13 (7) (a) 8.

3rd

Withhold information from
practitioner regarding
previous receipt of or
prescription for a
controlled substance.

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130	893.13 (7) (a) 9.	3rd	Obtain or attempt to obtain controlled substance by fraud, forgery, misrepresentation, etc.
131	893.13 (7) (a) 10.	3rd	Affix false or forged label to package of controlled substance.
132	893.13 (7) (a) 11.	3rd	Furnish false or fraudulent material information on any document or record required by chapter 893.
133	893.13 (8) (a) 1.	3rd	Knowingly assist a patient, other person, or owner of an animal in obtaining a controlled substance through deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations in or related to the practitioner's practice.
	893.13 (8) (a) 2.	3rd	Employ a trick or scheme in the practitioner's practice to assist a patient, other person, or owner of an animal in obtaining a

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893.13 (8) (a) 3.

3rd

controlled substance.

Knowingly write a prescription for a controlled substance for a fictitious person.

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893.13 (8) (a) 4.

3rd

Write a prescription for a controlled substance for a patient, other person, or an animal if the sole purpose of writing the prescription is a monetary benefit for the practitioner.

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918.13 (1) (a)

3rd

Alter, destroy, or conceal investigation evidence.

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(1) (a) 1. & 2.

3rd

Introduce contraband to correctional facility.

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944.47 (1) (c)

2nd

Possess contraband while upon the grounds of a correctional institution.

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3rd

Escapes from a juvenile facility (secure detention or residential commitment

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facility).

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Section 4. This act shall take effect October 1, 2019.