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REGULAR SESSION, 1995



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Com. Sub. For  
HOUSE BILL No. 2263

(By Delegates *Yeager, Rowe, Manuel,  
Frederick, Adkins, Henderson and  
Burke*)

Passed *March 10,* 1995

In Effect *Ninety Days From* Passage



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AN ACT to amend article twenty, chapter nineteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section twenty-four, relating to causing death or injury to any trained dog or horse used by law-enforcement officials in the performance of their official duties; criminal penalties; and restitution.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That article twenty, chapter nineteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section twenty-four, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 20. DOGS AND CATS.**

**§19-20-24. Causing death or injury to animals used by law-enforcement officials; criminal penalties.**

1 Any person who, without justification, and with the  
2 unlawful intent to inflict serious physical injury or death,

3 causes the death of any trained dog or horse used by  
4 law-enforcement officials in the performance of their  
5 official duties is guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction  
6 thereof, shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars  
7 nor more than one thousand dollars and imprisoned in the  
8 penitentiary for a definite term of not more than three  
9 years.

10 Any person who, without justification, willfully and  
11 unlawfully causes physical injury to any trained dog or  
12 horse used by law-enforcement officials in the perform-  
13 ance of their official duties is guilty of a misdemeanor,  
14 and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than  
15 five hundred dollars, or confined in the county jail not  
16 more than six months, or both.

17 Any person convicted of a violation of this section  
18 shall be ordered to make restitution to the law-enforce-  
19 ment agency owning the animal for any veterinary bills  
20 and replacement costs of any disabled or killed animal.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Randy Johnson  
Chairman Senate Committee

Ernest C. Moore  
Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Carroll Edwards  
Clerk of the Senate

Donald L. Kepp  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Earl Ray Tomblin  
President of the Senate

Carl Albert  
Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 23rd  
day of March, 1995.

Gaston Caperton  
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE  
GOVERNOR

Date 3/22/95

Time 3:37 pm