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HOUSE BILL No. 2205

(By Delegate S Yeager and Staton)



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AN ACT to amend and reenact section twenty-four, article twenty, chapter nineteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to criminal penalties and restitution for intentionally causing injury or death to a law-enforcement or fire prevention or investigation animal or an animal used by the department of military affairs and public safety.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section twenty-four, article twenty, chapter nineteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 20. DOGS AND CATS.

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

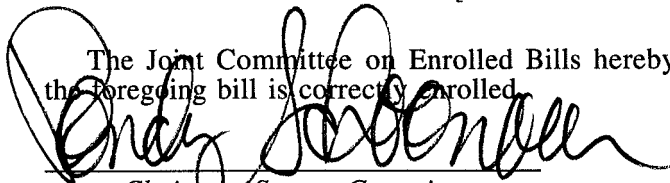
- 1 Any person who, without justification, and with the
- 2 unlawful intent to inflict serious physical injury or death,
- 3 causes the death of any trained dog or horse used by law-
- 4 enforcement officials, the department of military affairs

5 and public safety or by fire prevention or investigation
6 officials in the performance of their official duties is
7 guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be
8 fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one
9 thousand dollars and imprisoned in the penitentiary for a
10 definite term of not more than three years.

11 Any person who, without justification, willfully and
12 unlawfully causes physical injury to any trained dog or
13 horse used by law-enforcement officials, the department
14 of military affairs and public safety or by fire prevention
15 or investigation officials in the performance of their
16 official duties is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon
17 conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than five
18 hundred dollars, or confined in the county jail not more
19 than six months, or both.

20 Any person convicted of a violation of this section
21 shall be ordered to make restitution to the law-
22 enforcement agency, the department of military affairs
23 and public safety or to the state fire marshal or other fire
24 prevention or investigation department or agency owning
25 the animal for any veterinary bills and replacement costs
26 of any disabled or killed animal.

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



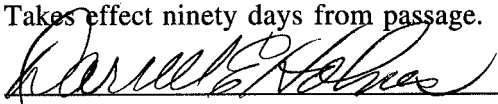
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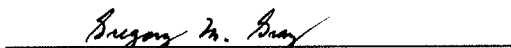
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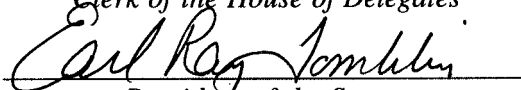
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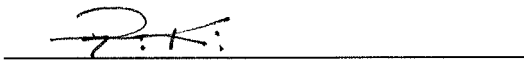
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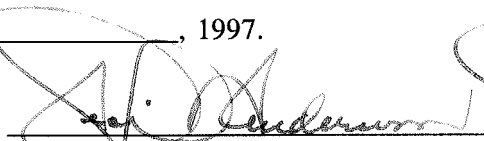


President of the Senate



Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 5th
day of May, 1997.



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