WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
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HOUSE BILL No. 2205

(By Delegate Yeager and Staton)

Passed April 12, 1997

In Effect Ninety Days From Passage
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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

H. B. 2205

(BY DELEGATES 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 unlawful intent to inflict serious physical injury or death, causes the death of any trained dog or horse used by law-enforcement officials, the department of military affairs
and public safety or by fire prevention or investigation
officials in the performance of their official duties is
guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be
fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one
thousand dollars and imprisoned in the penitentiary for a
definite term of not more than three years.

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

Any person convicted of a violation of this section
shall be ordered to make restitution to the law-
enforcement agency, the department of military affairs
and public safety or to the state fire marshal or other fire
prevention or investigation department or agency owning
the animal for any veterinary bills and replacement costs
of any disabled or killed animal.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the ___ day of ___ , 1997.

Governor
PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR
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