

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to prohibit the killing, injury, or interference with a law enforcement support animal and to establish certain penalties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. If any person intentionally and unjustifiably kills a law enforcement animal, the person is guilty of a Class 6 felony. If any person intentionally and unjustifiably causes physical injury to, torments, strikes, disables, or tampers with a law enforcement support animal, the person is guilty of Class 1 misdemeanor. If any person harasses, taunts, or provokes a law enforcement support animal; interferes with a law enforcement support animal while the animal is working; or interferes with the individual handling the animal, the person is guilty of Class 2 misdemeanor. For purposes of this section, the term, law enforcement support animal, means any animal that is on duty which is being used by or on behalf of a law enforcement officer in the performance of the officer's functions and duties.

This section does not apply to a law enforcement officer or a veterinarian who terminates the life of a law enforcement support animal to relieve the animal of undue suffering and pain.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the

HOUSE as Bill No. 1187

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Chief Clerk

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Speaker of the House

Attest:

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Chief Clerk

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President of the Senate

Attest:

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Secretary of the Senate

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Received at this Executive Office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ ,

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
for the Governor

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The attached Act is hereby approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ , A.D., 20\_\_\_\_

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Governor

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,  
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Office of the Secretary of State

Filed \_\_\_\_\_ , 20\_\_\_\_  
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Secretary of State

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Asst. Secretary of State