

HB3791



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB3791

Introduced 2/18/2025, by Rep. Tom Weber

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

510 ILCS 70/4.04

from Ch. 8, par. 704.04

Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act. Provides that the amendatory Act may be referred to as Dax's Law. In provisions concerning injuring or killing police animals, removes references to service animals. Provides that, if an offender is convicted of willfully or maliciously torturing, mutilating, injuring, disabling, poisoning, or killing any animal used for law enforcement purposes, the offender shall, among other penalties, be responsible for any veterinarian bills for the animal that was injured. Makes other changes.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning animals.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. This Act may be referred to as Dax's Law.

5 Section 5. The Humane Care for Animals Act is amended by
6 changing Section 4.04 as follows:

7 (510 ILCS 70/4.04) (from Ch. 8, par. 704.04)

8 Sec. 4.04. Injuring or killing police animals, ~~service~~
9 ~~animals,~~ accelerant detection dogs, or search and rescue dogs
10 being used for law enforcement purposes ~~prohibited~~.

11 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully or
12 maliciously torture, mutilate, injure, disable, poison, or
13 kill (i) any animal used by a law enforcement department or
14 agency in the performance of the functions or duties of the
15 department or agency or when placed in confinement off duty,
16 (ii) ~~any service animal,~~ (iii) any search and rescue dog being
17 used for law enforcement purposes, (iii) ~~(iv)~~ any law
18 enforcement, ~~service,~~ or search and rescue animal in training,
19 or (iv) ~~(v)~~ any accelerant detection canine used by a fire
20 investigator or law enforcement officer for arson
21 investigations in the performance of his or her functions or
22 while off duty. However, a police officer or veterinarian may

1 perform euthanasia in emergency situations when delay would
2 cause the animal undue suffering and pain.

3 (b) A person convicted of violating of subsection (a) of
4 this Section is guilty of a Class 4 felony if the animal is not
5 killed or totally disabled; if the animal is killed or totally
6 disabled, the person is guilty of a Class 3 felony.

7 (c) If the offender is convicted of violating subsection
8 (a), the offender shall be responsible for any veterinarian
9 bills for an animal that was injured, and the purchase and
10 training costs for another animal, if the animal injured or
11 killed is no longer able to be in service.

12 (d) A person does not violate subsection (a) if the animal
13 used by a law enforcement department or agency was used
14 against the person in violation of the law enforcement
15 department or agency's use of force continuum or policy.

16 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 95-560, eff. 8-30-07;
17 96-1171, eff. 7-22-10.)