



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB2091

Introduced 2/6/2025, by Sen. Erica Harriss

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

510 ILCS 70/4.04

from Ch. 8, par. 704.04

Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act. Provides that a person convicted of willfully or maliciously torturing, mutilating, injuring, disabling, poisoning, or killing (i) any animal used by a law enforcement department or agency in the performance of the functions or duties of the department or agency or when placed in confinement off duty, (ii) any service animal, (iii) any search and rescue dog, (iv) any law enforcement, service, or search and rescue animal in training, or (v) any accelerant detection canine used by a fire officer for arson investigations in the performance of his or her functions or while off duty is guilty of a Class 3 (rather than a Class 4) felony if the animal is not killed or totally disabled; if the animal is killed or totally disabled, the person is guilty of a Class 2 (rather than a Class 3) felony.

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

6 (510 ILCS 70/4.04) (from Ch. 8, par. 704.04)

7 Sec. 4.04. Injuring or killing police animals, service
8 animals, accelerant detection dogs, or search and rescue dogs
9 prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully
10 or maliciously torture, mutilate, injure, disable, poison, or
11 kill (i) any animal used by a law enforcement department or
12 agency in the performance of the functions or duties of the
13 department or agency or when placed in confinement off duty,
14 (ii) any service animal, (iii) any search and rescue dog, (iv)
15 any law enforcement, service, or search and rescue animal in
16 training, or (v) any accelerant detection canine used by a
17 fire officer for arson investigations in the performance of
18 his or her functions or while off duty. However, a police
19 officer or veterinarian may perform euthanasia in emergency
20 situations when delay would cause the animal undue suffering
21 and pain.

22 A person convicted of violating this Section is guilty of
23 a Class 3 4 felony if the animal is not killed or totally

1 disabled; if the animal is killed or totally disabled, the
2 person is guilty of a Class 2 ~~3~~ felony.

3 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 95-560, eff. 8-30-07;
4 96-1171, eff. 7-22-10.)