

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By _____

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 34, Page 13,
2 Section 575.280, Line 17, by inserting immediately after said section and line the following:

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4 "575.353. 1. A person commits the offense of assault on a police animal if he or she
5 knowingly attempts to kill or disable or knowingly causes or attempts to cause serious physical
6 injury to a police animal when that animal is involved in law enforcement investigation,
7 apprehension, tracking, or search, or the animal is in the custody of or under the control of a law
8 enforcement officer, department of corrections officer, municipal police department, fire department
9 or a rescue unit or agency.

10 2. The offense of assault on a police animal is a class [C] A misdemeanor, unless the assault
11 results in the death of such animal or disables such animal to the extent it is unable to be utilized as
12 a police animal, in which case it is a class [E] C felony."; and

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14 Further amend said bill, Page 21, Section 577.685, Line 15, by inserting immediately after said
15 section and line the following:

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17 "578.007. The provisions of section 574.130[;] and sections 578.005 to 578.023 shall not
18 apply to:

19 (1) Care or treatment performed by a licensed veterinarian within the provisions of chapter
20 340;

21 (2) Bona fide scientific experiments;

22 (3) Hunting, fishing, or trapping as allowed by chapter 252, including all practices and
23 privileges as allowed under the Missouri Wildlife Code;

24 (4) Facilities and publicly funded zoological parks currently in compliance with the federal
25 "Animal Welfare Act" as amended;

26 (5) Rodeo practices currently accepted by the Professional Rodeo Cowboy's Association;

27 (6) The killing of an animal by the owner thereof, the agent of such owner, or by a
28 veterinarian at the request of the owner thereof;

29 (7) The lawful, humane killing of an animal by an animal control officer, the operator of an
30 animal shelter, a veterinarian, or law enforcement or health official;

31 (8) With respect to farm animals, normal or accepted practices of animal husbandry;

32 (9) The killing of an animal by any person at any time if such animal is outside of the
33 owned or rented property of the owner or custodian of such animal and the animal is injuring any
34 person or farm animal but this exemption shall not include ~~[police or guard dogs]~~ the killing or
35 injuring of a police dog while working;

36 (10) The killing of house or garden pests; or

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1 (11) Field trials, training and hunting practices as accepted by the Professional Houndsmen
2 of Missouri.

3 578.022. Any dog that is owned, or the service of which is employed, by a law enforcement
4 agency and that bites or injures another animal or human in the course of their official duties is
5 exempt from the provisions of sections 273.033 [~~and~~], 273.036 [~~and section~~], 578.012, and
6 578.024."; and

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8 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
9 accordingly.