

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By \_\_\_\_\_

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2031, Page 2, Section 209.204, Line 36, by  
2 inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "575.353. 1. A person commits the offense of assault on a ~~[police]~~ law enforcement animal if he or  
5 she knowingly attempts to kill or disable or knowingly causes or attempts to cause serious physical injury to  
6 a ~~[police]~~ law enforcement 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 enforcement  
8 officer, department of corrections officer, municipal police department, fire department or a rescue unit or  
9 agency.

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

13 578.007. The provisions of section 574.130~~[-]~~ and sections 578.005 to 578.023 shall not apply to:

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

15 (2) Bona fide scientific experiments;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 578.022. Any dog that is owned, or the service of which is employed, by a law enforcement agency  
34 and that bites or injures another animal or human in the course of their official duties is exempt from the  
35 provisions of sections 273.033 ~~[and]~~, 273.036 ~~[and section]~~, 578.012, and 578.024."; and

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

Action Taken \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_