

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By _____

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill
2 No. 918, Page 5, Section 262.760, Line 19, by 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. No person shall be charged with
13 the offense of assault of a police animal if he or she is acting in self defense.

14 578.007. The provisions of section 574.130~~;~~ and sections 578.005 to 578.023 shall not apply to:

- 15 (1) Care or treatment performed by a licensed veterinarian within the provisions of chapter 340;
16 (2) Bona fide scientific experiments;
17 (3) Hunting, fishing, or trapping as allowed by chapter 252, including all practices and privileges as
18 allowed under the Missouri Wildlife Code;
19 (4) Facilities and publicly funded zoological parks currently in compliance with the federal "Animal
20 Welfare Act" as amended;
21 (5) Rodeo practices currently accepted by the Professional Rodeo Cowboy's Association;
22 (6) The killing of an animal by the owner thereof, the agent of such owner, or by a veterinarian at
23 the request of the owner thereof;
24 (7) The lawful, humane killing of an animal by an animal control officer, the operator of an animal
25 shelter, a veterinarian, or law enforcement or health official;
26 (8) With respect to farm animals, normal or accepted practices of animal husbandry;
27 (9) The killing of an animal by any person at any time if such animal is outside of the owned or
28 rented property of the owner or custodian of such animal and the animal is injuring any person or farm
29 animal but this exemption shall not include ~~[police or guard dogs]~~ the killing or injuring of a law
30 enforcement officer dog while working;
31 (10) The killing of house or garden pests; or
32 (11) Field trials, training and hunting practices as accepted by the Professional Houndsmen of
33 Missouri."; and
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35 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.
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Action Taken _____ Date _____