

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By _____

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 59, Page 5, Section 59.665, Line 22, 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
5 if he or she knowingly attempts to kill or disable or knowingly causes or attempts to cause serious
6 physical injury to a ~~[police]~~ law enforcement animal when that animal is involved in law
7 enforcement investigation, apprehension, tracking, or search, or the animal is in the custody of or
8 under the control of a law enforcement officer, department of corrections officer, municipal police
9 department, fire department or a rescue unit or agency.

10 2. The offense of assault on a ~~[police]~~ law enforcement animal is a:

11 (1) Class ~~C~~ A misdemeanor, ~~[unless]~~ if the law enforcement animal is not injured to the
12 point of requiring veterinary care or treatment;

13 (2) Class E felony if the law enforcement animal is seriously injured to the point of
14 requiring veterinary care or treatment; and

15 (3) Class C felony if the assault results in the death of such animal ~~[or disables such animal~~
16 ~~to the extent it is unable to be utilized as a police animal, in which case it is a class E felony].~~

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 owned
33 or rented property of the owner or custodian of such animal and the animal is injuring any person or
34 farm animal, but this exemption shall not include ~~[police or guard dogs]~~ the killing or injuring of a
35 law enforcement officer animal 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.