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# HOUSE BILL NO. 903

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE LOVASCO.

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 537, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to domestic animal death, with a penalty provision.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 537, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 537.597, to read as follows:

**537.597. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Prevent Animal Incapacitation Now (PAIN) Act".**

**2. Any peace officer, as defined in section 590.010, who directly causes the death of a domestic animal on or within any private residential property shall be personally liable to the owner of the domestic animal for its death and required to pay to the owner, within ninety days of the animal's death, a restitution payment of ten thousand dollars for each animal killed.**

**3. Within ninety days of the death of any domestic animal under subsection 2 of this section, the peace officer's employer shall submit a report to the attorney general's office indicating the time, date, location, and circumstances of the domestic animal's death, including the name of the officer involved. The attorney general's office shall aggregate this data annually and distribute a yearly report to the Missouri general assembly. A copy of the report shall also be made available on the attorney general's public website.**

**4. The peace officer's employer or any union or trade association of which the officer is a member is authorized to voluntarily pay the restitution payment required under subsection 2 on behalf of the officer.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17           **5. If the owner of the deceased animal cannot be located within ninety days of the**  
18 **animal's death, or refuses to accept payment, the restitution payment required under**  
19 **subsection 2 of this section shall instead be made to the state treasurer, who shall deposit**  
20 **it into the state's general revenue fund.**

21           **6. If a restitution payment is not made within ninety days of the animal's death as**  
22 **required under this section, the peace officer standards and training commission shall**  
23 **suspend the officer's license under chapter 590 until full payment has been made.**

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