

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL NO. 1253

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR HUDSON.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To repeal section 575.353, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the offense of assault on a law enforcement animal, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Section 575.353, RSMo, is repealed and one new
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 575.353,
3 to read as follows:

575.353. 1. This section shall be known and may be
2 cited as "Max's Law".

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

12 3. The offense of assault on a law enforcement animal
13 is a:

14 (1) Class **[A misdemeanor]** **E felony**, if the law
15 enforcement animal is not injured to the point of requiring
16 veterinary care or treatment;

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

17 (2) Class **[E]** **D** felony if the law enforcement animal
18 is seriously injured to the point of requiring veterinary
19 care or treatment; and

20 (3) Class **[D]** **C** felony if the assault results in the
21 death of such animal.

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