

HOUSE BILL No. 2741

AN ACT concerning certain animals; prescribing penalties for inflicting harm or death; amending K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 21-4318 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 21-4318 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-4318. (a) Inflicting harm, disability or death to a police ~~or arson~~ dog, *arson dog or search and rescue dog* is knowingly and intentionally, and without lawful cause or justification poisoning, inflicting great bodily harm, permanent disability or death, upon a police ~~or arson~~ dog, *arson dog or search and rescue dog*.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Arson dog" means any dog which is owned, or the service of which is employed, by the state fire marshal or a fire department for the principal purpose of aiding in the detection of liquid accelerants in the investigation of fires.

(2) "Fire department" means a public fire department under the control of the governing body of a city, township, county, fire district or benefit district or a private fire department operated by a nonprofit corporation providing fire protection services for a city, township, county, fire district or benefit district under contract with the governing body of the city, township, county or district.

(3) "Police dog" means any dog which is owned, or the service of which is employed, by a law enforcement agency for the principal purpose of aiding in the detection of criminal activity, enforcement of laws or apprehension of offenders.

(4) "Search and rescue dog" means any dog which is owned or the service of which is employed, by a law enforcement or emergency response agency for the purpose of aiding in the location of persons missing in disasters or other times of need.

(c) Inflicting harm, disability or death to a police ~~or arson~~ dog, *arson dog or search and rescue dog* is a class A nonperson misdemeanor.

(d) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the Kansas criminal code.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 21-4318 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and passed that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.