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To authorize law enforcement agencies to make arrangements for the compensation of officers in their canine units.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 1996

Mr. HERGER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Canine Unit Preserva-
5 tion Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. OVERTIME FOR OFFICERS IN CANINE UNITS.**

7 (a) AGREEMENT.—The head of each law enforcement
8 agency and fire department which has a canine unit may
9 enter into an agreement with the officers assigned to such
10 unit for the payment to such officers of overtime com-

1 pensation in accordance with section 7 of the Fair Labor
2 Standards Act of 1938 for the hours spent by such officers
3 in the care and training of the dogs in such unit. Such
4 an agreement shall be entered into before the expiration
5 of 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act
6 and shall be submitted to the Secretary of Labor for ap-
7 proval.

8 (b) EXEMPTION.—Beginning on the date of the en-
9 actment of this Act, an officer assigned to a canine unit
10 in a law enforcement agency or fire department shall not
11 be paid such overtime compensation for hours spent by
12 such officer in the care and training of the officer’s dog
13 in such unit until such date as an agreement authorized
14 by subsection (a) has been entered into for such officer
15 and approved under subsection (d) or 6 months from the
16 date of the enactment of this Act has expired, whichever
17 occurs first.

18 (c) GUIDELINES.—Before the expiration of 90 days
19 from the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
20 of Labor shall issue guidelines for the preparation of
21 agreements authorized by subsection (a).

22 (d) APPROVAL.—The Secretary of Labor shall ap-
23 prove any agreement submitted to the Secretary under
24 subsection (a) which is prepared in accordance with the
25 guidelines issued under subsection (c). If such an agree-

- 1 ment is approved by the Secretary payment of overtime
- 2 compensation for an officer covered by such agreement
- 3 shall be in accordance with such agreement.

