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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Law Enforce-
3 ment Animal Protection Act of 1999”.

4 **SEC. 2. HARMING ANIMALS USED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 65 of title 18, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

8 **“§ 1368. Harming animals used in law enforcement**

9 “(a) Whoever willfully and maliciously harms any po-
10 lice animal, or attempts to conspires to do so, shall be
11 fined under this title and imprisoned not more than one
12 year. If the offense permanently disables or disfigures the
13 animal, or causes serious bodily injury or the death of the
14 animal, the maximum term of imprisonment shall be 10
15 years.

16 “(b) In this section, the term ‘police animal’ means
17 a dog or horse employed by a Federal agency (whether
18 in the executive, legislative, or judicial branch) for the
19 principal purpose of aiding in the detection of criminal ac-
20 tivity, enforcement of laws, or apprehension of criminal
21 offenders.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
23 at the beginning of chapter 65 of title 18, United States

- 1 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
- 2 item:

“1368. Harming animals used in law enforcement.”.

Passed the House of Representatives October 12,
1999.

Attest:

Clerk.