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To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for harming animals used in Federal law enforcement.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 1999

Mr. WELLER (for himself, Mr. ROTHMAN, and Mr. CHABOT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Federal Law Enforce-
5 ment Animal Protection Act of 1999”.

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

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

1 **“§ 1368. Harming animals used in law enforcement**

2 “(a) Whoever willfully harms any police animal, or
3 attempts to conspires to do so, shall be fined under this
4 title and imprisoned not more than one year. If the offense
5 disables or disfigures the animal, or causes the death of
6 the animal, the maximum term of imprisonment shall be
7 10 years.

8 “(b) In this section, the term ‘police animal’ means
9 a dog or horse employed by a Federal agency (whether
10 in the executive, legislative, or judicial branch) for the
11 principal purpose of aiding in the detection of criminal ac-
12 tivity, enforcement of laws, or apprehension of criminal
13 offenders”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
15 at the beginning of chapter 65 of title 18, United States
16 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
17 item:

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

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