

Union Calendar No. 215

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1791

[Report No. 106-372]

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

OCTOBER 12, 1999

Additional sponsors: Mr. ENGLISH, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. GOODE, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. STENHOLM, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. METCALF, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. COOK, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Mr. EVANS

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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:

10 **“§ 1368. Harming animals used in law enforcement**

11 “(a) Whoever willfully harms any police animal, or
 12 attempts or conspires to do so, shall be fined under this
 13 title and imprisoned not more than one year. If the offense
 14 disables or disfigures the animal, or causes the death of
 15 the animal, the maximum term of imprisonment shall be
 16 10 years.

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

23 (b) ~~CLERICAL AMENDMENT.~~—The table of sections
 24 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.”.

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 5 *ment Animal Protection Act of 1999”.*

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

9 **“§ 1368. Harming animals used in law enforcement**

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

16 *“(b) In this section, the term ‘police animal’ means*
 17 *a dog or horse employed by a Federal agency (whether in*
 18 *the executive, legislative, or judicial branch) for the prin-*
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