



LAWS OF ALASKA

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Chapter No.

54

AN ACT

Relating to harming a police dog; and providing for an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

THE ACT FOLLOWS ON PAGE 1, LINE 9

Approved by the Governor: July 13, 1983
Actual Effective Date: July 14, 1983

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Relating to harming a police dog; and providing for an effective date.

* Section 1. AS 11.56 is amended by adding new sections to read:

Sec. 11.56.705. HARMING A POLICE DOG IN THE FIRST DEGREE. (a)

A person commits the crime of harming a police dog in the first degree if the person intentionally kills or causes serious physical injury to a police dog, knowing the dog to be a police dog.

(b) Harming a police dog in the first degree is a class C felony.

Sec. 11.56.710. HARMING A POLICE DOG IN THE SECOND DEGREE. (a)

A person commits the crime of harming a police dog in the second degree if the person intentionally causes physical injury to or, without causing physical injury to, torments, kicks, strikes, stones, or tampers with a police dog, knowing the dog to be a police dog.

(b) Harming a police dog in the second degree is a class A misdemeanor.

Sec. 11.56.715. DEFENSE TO HARMING A POLICE DOG. It is a defense to a prosecution under AS 11.56.705 or AS 11.56.710 that the conduct of the defendant

(1) conformed to accepted veterinary practice; or

(2) was in response to a direct attack on the defendant by a police dog not acting under the control of a peace officer.

* Sec. 2. AS 11.81.900 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

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1 (57) "police dog" means a dog used in police work under the
2 control of a peace officer.

3 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
4 10.070(c).
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