



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 241***

LCO No. 1483



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR THE INTENTIONAL INJURY OR KILLING OF POLICE ANIMALS OR DOGS IN VOLUNTEER CANINE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsections (d) and (e) of section 53-247 of the general  
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

4 (d) Any person who intentionally injures any animal while such  
5 animal is in the performance of its duties under the supervision of a  
6 peace officer, as defined in section 53a-3, or intentionally injures a dog  
7 that is a member of a volunteer canine search and rescue team, as  
8 defined in section 5-249, while such dog is in the performance of its  
9 duties under the supervision of the active individual member of such  
10 team, shall be guilty of a class [D] C felony.

11 (e) Any person who intentionally kills any animal while such  
12 animal is in the performance of its duties under the supervision of a  
13 peace officer, as defined in section 53a-3, or intentionally kills a dog

14 that is a member of a volunteer canine search and rescue team, as  
15 defined in section 5-249, while such dog is in the performance of its  
16 duties under the supervision of the active individual member of such  
17 team, shall be [fined not more than ten thousand dollars or imprisoned  
18 not more than ten years, or both] guilty of a class B felony.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	53-247(d) and (e)

***Statement of Purpose:***

To increase the penalties for intentionally injuring or killing any police animal or dog that is a member of a volunteer canine search and rescue team.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*