



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 578**

LCO No. 1678



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
SEN. BERTHEL, 32nd Dist.

**AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR THE INTENTIONAL INJURY OF A POLICE ANIMAL OR DOG IN A VOLUNTEER CANINE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM.**

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

- 1 That section 53-247 of the general statutes be amended to increase the
- 2 penalty for intentional injury of a police animal or dog in a volunteer
- 3 canine search and rescue team to a class C felony.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To increase the penalty for intentionally injuring a police animal or dog in a volunteer canine search and rescue team.