

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1681

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE NETH.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 575.353, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to assault on a police animal, with a penalty provision.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 575.353, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 575.353, to read as follows:

575.353. 1. A person commits the crime of assault on a police animal when such person knowingly attempts to kill or disable or knowingly causes or attempts to cause serious physical injury to a police animal when that animal is involved in law enforcement investigation, apprehension, tracking, or search, or the animal is in the custody of or under the control of a law enforcement officer, department of corrections officer, municipal police department, fire department or a rescue unit or agency.

2. Assault on a police animal is a class [C] A misdemeanor.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.