

**525.220 Bars and defenses to conviction of assault on a service animal.**

No person shall be convicted of assault on a service animal when:

- (1) He has also been convicted of a violation of KRS 525.125, 525.130, 512.020, 512.030, or 512.040 arising out of the same incident; or
- (2) He has destroyed or treated a service animal that is injured, diseased, or suffering or that constitutes a hazard to public safety if not destroyed; or
- (3) He has used physical force against the service animal in protection of himself or a third person; or
- (4) He has used physical force without knowledge that the animal was a service animal.

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