

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 he or she has:

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

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