

AN ACT relating to service animals.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 525.200 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) A person is guilty of assault on a service animal~~[in the first degree]~~ when he intentionally and without legal justification or lawful authority kills or causes physical injury to a service animal~~[to the extent that a service animal becomes physically incapable of ever returning to service]~~.
- (2) Assault on a service animal~~[in the first degree]~~ is a Class D felony.

➔Section 2. KRS 525.210 is amended to read as follows:

KRS 525.200~~[and 525.205]~~ shall apply whether or not the service animal is on duty or off duty.

➔Section 3. KRS 525.215 is amended to read as follows:

In any case in which a defendant is convicted of a violation of the provisions of KRS 525.200~~[or 525.205]~~, the defendant may be ordered to make restitution to the person or agency owning the animal for any veterinary bills, replacement costs of the animal if it is disabled or killed, and the salary of the animal handler for the period of time his services are lost to the agency or self-employment.

➔Section 4. The following KRS section is repealed:

525.205 Assault on a service animal in the second degree.