

1 AN ACT relating to service animals.

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

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

4 (1) A person is guilty of assault on a service animal in the first degree when, ***without***
5 ***legal justification or lawful authority:***

6 ***(a) He or she intentionally kills or causes serious physical injury to a service***
7 ***animal;***

8 ***(b) He or she intentionally causes physical injury to a service animal by means***
9 ***of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument; or***

10 ***(c) He or she wantonly causes serious physical injury to a service animal by***
11 ***means of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument*** ~~he intentionally and~~
12 ~~without legal justification or lawful authority kills or causes physical injury to~~
13 ~~a service animal to the extent that a service animal becomes physically~~
14 ~~incapable of ever returning to service].~~

15 (2) ***For the purposes of this section, "service animal" has the same meaning as***
16 ***defined in KRS 525.010, except that "service animal" does not include assistance***
17 ***dogs as defined in KRS 525.010(6)(h).***

18 **(3)** Assault on a service animal in the first degree is a Class D felony.