

1 AN ACT relating to assaults on animals utilized for the principal purpose of law
2 enforcement.

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

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

- 5 (1) A person is guilty of assault on a service animal in the first degree when, ***without***
6 ***legal justification or lawful authority:***
7 ***(a) He or she intentionally kills or causes serious physical injury to a service***
8 ***animal;***
9 ***(b) He or she intentionally causes physical injury to a service animal by means***
10 ***of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument; or***
11 ***(c) He or she wantonly causes serious physical injury to a service animal by***
12 ***means of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument*** ~~he intentionally and~~
13 ~~without legal justification or lawful authority kills or causes physical injury to~~
14 ~~a service animal to the extent that a service animal becomes physically~~
15 ~~incapable of ever returning to service].~~
16 (2) ***For the purposes of this section, "service animal" has the same meaning as***
17 ***defined in KRS 525.010, except that "service animal" does not include assistance***
18 ***dogs as defined in KRS 525.010(6)(h).***
19 (3) Assault on a service animal in the first degree is a Class D felony.