

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) Assault on a service animal in the first degree is a Class D felony.