

# State of Wisconsin



1997 Assembly Bill 611

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## 1997 WISCONSIN ACT 141

AN ACT to create 174.02 (4) of the statutes; relating to: liability for damages caused by dogs used to perform law enforcement functions.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** 174.02 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

174.02 (4) LAW ENFORCEMENT DOGS. (a) In this subsection, "law enforcement agency" has the meaning given in s. 165.83 (1) (b).

(b) The owner of a dog that is used by a law enforcement agency is not liable under sub. (1) for damages

caused by the dog to a crime suspect while the dog is performing law enforcement functions.

(c) Subsection (2) does not apply to the owner of a dog that is used by a law enforcement agency if the dog injures a crime suspect while the dog is performing law enforcement functions.

(d) Subsection (3) does not apply to a dog that is used by a law enforcement agency if the dog injures a crime suspect while the dog is performing law enforcement functions.

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\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 1995-96: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].