

1993 Senate Bill 372

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1993 WISCONSIN ACT 192

AN ACT to create 951.095 and 951.18 (2m) of the statutes, relating to: harassment of police animals and providing penalties.

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

SECTION 1. 951.095 of the statutes is created to read:

951.095 Harassment of police animals. (1) No person may do any of the following to any animal that is used by a law enforcement agency to perform agency functions or duties:

(a) Frighten, intimidate, threaten, abuse or harass the animal.

(b) Strike, shove, kick or otherwise subject the animal to physical contact.

(c) Strike the animal by using a dangerous weapon.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to any of the following:

(a) Any act that is performed by or with the authorization of the animal's handler or rider.

(b) Any act that is necessary for the training of an animal to perform functions or duties for a law enforcement agency.

SECTION 2. 951.18 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

951.18 **(2m)** Any person who violates s. 951.095 is subject to a Class B forfeiture. Any person who intentionally or negligently violates s. 951.095, knowing that the animal that is the victim is used by a law enforcement agency to perform agency functions or duties, is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. Any person who intentionally violates s. 951.095, knowing that the animal that is the victim is used by a law enforcement agency to perform agency functions or duties and causing injury to the animal, is guilty of a Class E felony. Any person who intentionally violates s. 951.095, knowing that the animal that is the victim is used by a law enforcement agency to perform agency functions or duties and causing death to the animal, is guilty of a Class D felony.
