



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 611

November 13, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives STASKUNAS, GOETSCH, KREUSER, LADWIG, MUSSER, DOBYNS, GRONEMUS, AINSWORTH, HASENOHRL, DUFF, OTT, KAUFERT, PLOUFF and SERATTI, cosponsored by Senators FITZGERALD and ROESSLER. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Corrections.

1 **AN ACT to create** 174.02 (1) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** liability for damages
2 caused by dogs used to perform law enforcement functions.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the owner of a dog is liable for damages caused by the dog to a person, domestic animal or property. This bill provides that the owner of a police dog is not liable for damages caused by the dog while it is performing law enforcement functions.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

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

4 174.02 (1) (c) *Police dogs.* Notwithstanding pars. (a) and (b), the owner of a dog
5 that is used by a law enforcement agency, as defined in s. 165.83 (1) (b), to perform
6 law enforcement functions is not liable for damages caused by the dog while it is
7 performing law enforcement functions.

8 (END)