

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Assembly Bill 61

Relating to: injuring or killing a police or fire animal and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Nedweski, Dittrich, Piwowarczyk, Andraca, Armstrong, Behnke, Brill, Callahan, Donovan, Goeben, Gundrum, B. Jacobson, Kaufert, Kitchens, Kreibich, Maxey, Miresse, O'Connor, Penterman, Sinicki, Steffen, Tittl and Wichgers; cosponsored by Senators Wanggaard, Carpenter, L. Johnson, Marklein and Nass.

February 24, 2025 Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

March 05, 2025 **Public Hearing Held**

Present: (15) Representative Spiros; Representatives Piwowarczyk, Duchow, Novak, Steffen, Sortwell, Donovan, Melotik, B. Jacobson, Franklin, Emerson, Doyle, McGuire, Taylor and Spaude.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Representative Amanda Nedweski - 32nd Assembly District
- Senator Van Wanggaard - 21st Senate District
- Sergeant Terry Tift and K9 Riggs - Kenosha County Sheriff's Office
- Sheriff David Zoerner - Kenosha County Sheriff's Office
- Chief Jim Olson - WI Chiefs of Police Association

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Captain Eric Klinkhammer and K9 Mika - Kenosha County Sheriff's Office
- Deputy Tyler Brady - Kenosha County Sheriff's Office
- Deputy John Lancot and K9 Fritz - Kenosha County Sheriff's Office

- Deputy John Booth and K9 Riv - Kenosha County Sheriff's Office
- Deputy Matt Kasulke and K9 Arlo - Kenosha County Sheriff's Office
- Tyler Clark - Badger State Sheriffs Association
- Tyler Clark - WI Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs Association
- Mahlon Mitchell - Professional Fire Fighters Association

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

March 11, 2025

Executive Session Held

Present: (15) Representative Spiros; Representatives Piwowarczyk, Duchow, Novak, Steffen, Sortwell, Donovan, Melotik, B. Jacobson, Franklin, Emerson, Doyle, McGuire, Taylor and Spaude.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Duchow, seconded by Representative Novak that **Assembly Bill 61** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (15) Representative Spiros; Representatives Piwowarczyk, Duchow, Novak, Steffen, Sortwell, Donovan, Melotik, B. Jacobson, Franklin, Emerson, Doyle, McGuire, Taylor and Spaude.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 15, Noes 0

Suzy Geroux
Committee Clerk