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2025 Wisconsin Act 28 [2025 Assembly Bill 61]

Injuring or Killing a Police or Fire Animal

2025 WISCONSIN ACT 28

2025 Wisconsin Act 28 increases the penalties for injuring or killing a police or fire animal. Specifically, for violations of the offense of harassment of police or fire animals, where the actor knows that the animal is used by a law enforcement agency or fire department to perform agency or department functions or duties, Act 28 does the following:

- Increases the penalty for causing injury to the animal from a Class I felony to a Class H felony.
- Increases the penalty for causing death to the animal from a Class H felony to a Class G felony.

Effective date: August 10, 2025

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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