

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2017 and 2018 HB3003

by Rep. John Cavaletto

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

510 ILCS 70/4.04

from Ch. 8, par. 704.04

Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act. Provides that a person who willfully or maliciously tortures, mutilates, injures, disables, poisons, or kills any animal used by a law enforcement department or agency in the performance of the functions or duties of the department or agency or when placed in confinement off duty, any service animal, any search and rescue dog, any law enforcement, service, or search and rescue animal in training, or any accelerant detection canine used by a fire officer for arson investigations in the performance of his or her functions or while off duty is quilty of a Class 3 felony (rather than a Class 4 felony) if the animal is not killed or totally disables; and if the animal is killed or is totally disabled, the person is guilty of a Class 2 felony (rather than a Class 3 felony). Provides that a person who kills or severely injures any animal used by a law enforcement department or agency in the performance of the functions or duties of the department or agency or when placed off duty, any service animal, any search and rescue dog, any law enforcement, service, or search and rescue animal in training, or any accelerant detection canine used by a fire officer for arson investigations in the performance of his or her functions or while off duty, while he or she is in the commission of a felony, is guilty of a Class 2 felony. Provides that if the offender is found to be quilty under the Section, the offender shall be responsible for any veterinarian bills for an animal that was injured and training costs for another animal, if the animal injured or killed is no longer able to be in service.

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1 AN ACT concerning animals.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- 4 Section 1. This Act may be referred to as Valor's Law.
- 5 Section 5. The Humane Care for Animals Act is amended by 6 changing Section 4.04 as follows:
- 7 (510 ILCS 70/4.04) (from Ch. 8, par. 704.04)
- 8 Sec. 4.04. Injuring or killing police animals, service 9 animals, accelerant detection dogs, or search and rescue dogs 10 prohibited.
- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully or 11 12 maliciously torture, mutilate, injure, disable, poison, or 13 kill (i) any animal used by a law enforcement department or agency in the performance of the functions or duties of the 14 15 department or agency or when placed in confinement off duty, (ii) any service animal, (iii) any search and rescue dog, (iv) 16 any law enforcement, service, or search and rescue animal in 17 18 training, or (v) any accelerant detection canine used by a fire 19 officer for arson investigations in the performance of his or 20 her functions or while off duty. However, a police officer or 21 veterinarian may perform euthanasia in emergency situations when delay would cause the animal undue suffering and pain. 2.2

A person convicted of violating this <u>subsection</u> is guilty of a Class <u>3</u> 4 felony if the animal is not killed or totally disabled; if the animal is killed or totally disabled, the person is guilty of a Class 2 3 felony.

- (b) A person who kills or severely injures (i) any animal used by a law enforcement department or agency in the performance of the functions or duties of the department or agency of when placed off duty, (ii) any service animal, (iii) any search and rescue dog, (iv) any law enforcement, service, or search and rescue animal in training, or (v) any accelerant detection canine used by a fire officer for arson investigations in the performance of his or her functions or while off duty, while he or she is in the commission of a felony, is guilty of a Class 2 felony.
- (c) If the offender is found to be quilty under this Section, the offender shall be responsible for any veterinarian bills for an animal that was injured and training costs for another animal, if the animal injured or killed is no longer able to be in service.
- (d) A person is not in violation of this Section if the animal used by a law enforcement department or agency was used against the person in violation of the law enforcement department or agency's use of force continuum or policy.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 95-560, eff. 8-30-07;
- 25 96-1171, eff. 7-22-10.)