

Public Law 106–254  
106th Congress

An Act

Aug. 2, 2000  
[H.R. 1791]

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for harming animals used in Federal law enforcement.

Federal Law  
Enforcement  
Animal  
Protection Act of  
2000.  
18 USC 1368  
note.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Federal Law Enforcement Animal Protection Act of 2000”.

**SEC. 2. HARMING ANIMALS USED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 65 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

**“§ 1368. Harming animals used in law enforcement**

“(a) Whoever willfully and maliciously harms any police animal, or attempts or conspires to do so, shall be fined under this title and imprisoned not more than 1 year. If the offense permanently disables or disfigures the animal, or causes serious bodily injury or the death of the animal, the maximum term of imprisonment shall be 10 years.

“(b) In this section, the term ‘police animal’ means a dog or horse employed by a Federal agency (whether in the executive, legislative, or judicial branch) for the principal purpose of aiding in the detection of criminal activity, enforcement of laws, or apprehension of criminal offenders.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 65 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“1368. Harming animals used in law enforcement.”.

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