



**SUPPORT HB1367 – An Act to Increase the Fine for
Harming a Police Dog or Horse
Rep. Paul Heroux (D)
Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary**

WHAT THIS BILL DOES:

This bill increases the maximum fine for harming a police dog or horse from \$500 to \$1,000.

WHY YOU SHOULD SUPPORT THIS BILL:

Anyone that harms a police dog or horse should face a hefty fine and possible imprisonment. Hopefully raising the fine will act as a deterrent. Police dogs and horses are working to protect the general public and anyone who harms them should suffer consequences.

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Chapter 272 Section 77A. Strike Section 77A and replace it with the following:

Whoever willfully tortures, torments, beats, kicks, strikes, mutilates, injures, disables or otherwise mistreats, a dog or horse owned by a police department or police agency of the commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions or whoever, willfully by any action whatsoever, interferes with the lawful performance of such dog or horse shall be punished by ***a fine of not less than one hundred dollars and not more than one thousand dollars*** or by imprisonment for not more than two and one-half years or both. Persons violating this section may be arrested without a warrant by any officer qualified to serve criminal process provided said offense is committed in his or her presence.

CURRENT SECTION 77A to be replaced:

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