

ORIGINAL HOUSE
BILL NO. 0055

ENROLLED ACT NO. 37, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2005 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to service dogs; providing penalties for harming service dogs; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 35-13-206 is created to read:

35-13-206. Injuring or killing a service dog prohibited; penalties.

(a) Any person who knowingly, willfully and without lawful cause or justification inflicts, or permits or directs any animal under his control or ownership to inflict, serious bodily harm, permanent disability or death upon any service dog as defined in W.S. 35-13-205(a)(i) is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.

(b) A court shall order a defendant convicted of an offense under subsection (a) of this section to make restitution to the owner of the service dog for:

(i) Related veterinary or medical bills;

(ii) The cost of replacing the service dog or retraining an injured service dog by an organization generally recognized by agencies involved in the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities as reputable and competent to provide special equipment for or special training to an animal to help a person with a disability; and

(iii) Any other expense reasonably incurred as a result of the offense.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2005.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk