

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0055

Harming assistance animals.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Illoway, Hinckley and Samuelson and Senator(s) Hanes, Mockler and Ross

A BILL

for

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

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

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

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8 **35-13-206. Injuring or killing a service dog**
9 **prohibited; penalties.**

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11 (a) Any person who knowingly, willfully and without
12 lawful cause or justification inflicts serious bodily harm,
13 permanent disability or death upon any service dog as
14 defined in W.S. 35-13-205(a)(i) is guilty of a misdemeanor
15 punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6)

1 months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars
2 (\$750.00), or both.

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

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8 (i) Related veterinary or medical bills;

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

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

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

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