



## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HB0541

Introduced 1/24/2017, by Rep. Kelly M. Burke

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

510 ILCS 70/7.15

Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act. Provides that a person may not willfully and maliciously permit a dog that is owned, harbored, or controlled by the person to cause injury to or the death of a guide, hearing, or support dog (rather than while the guide, hearing, or support dog is in the discharge of its duties). Provides that a person may not recklessly permit a dog that is owned, harbored, or controlled by the person to cause injury to or the death of a guide, hearing, or support dog. Provides that a person convicted of the reckless offense is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor if the dog is killed or totally disabled, and may be ordered by the court to make restitution to the person with a disability having custody or ownership of the dog for veterinary bills and replacement costs of the dog. Provides that a second or subsequent violation of this offense is a Class 4 felony if the dog is killed or totally disabled, and the person convicted may be ordered by the court to make restitution to the person with a disability having custody or ownership of the dog for veterinary bill and replacement costs of the dog. Provides that a person convicted of this offense is guilty of a petty offense if the dog is not killed or totally disabled.

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CORRECTIONAL  
BUDGET AND  
IMPACT NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning animals.

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

4 Section 5. The Humane Care for Animals Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 7.15 as follows:

6 (510 ILCS 70/7.15)

7 Sec. 7.15. Guide, hearing, and support dogs.

8 (a) A person may not willfully and maliciously annoy,  
9 taunt, tease, harass, torment, beat, or strike a guide,  
10 hearing, or support dog or otherwise engage in any conduct  
11 directed toward a guide, hearing, or support dog that is likely  
12 to impede or interfere with the dog's performance of its duties  
13 or that places the blind, hearing impaired, or person with a  
14 physical disability being served or assisted by the dog in  
15 danger of injury.

16 (b) A person may not willfully and maliciously torture,  
17 injure, or kill a guide, hearing, or support dog.

18 (c) A person may not willfully and maliciously permit a dog  
19 that is owned, harbored, or controlled by the person to cause  
20 injury to or the death of a guide, hearing, or support dog  
21 ~~while the guide, hearing, or support dog is in discharge of its~~  
22 ~~duties.~~

23 (c-5) A person may not recklessly permit a dog that is

1 owned, harbored, or controlled by the person to cause injury to  
2 or the death of a guide, hearing, or support dog.

3 (d) A person convicted of violating this Section is guilty  
4 of a Class A misdemeanor. A second or subsequent violation is a  
5 Class 4 felony. A person convicted of violating subsection (b)  
6 or (c) of this Section is guilty of a Class 4 felony if the dog  
7 is killed or totally disabled, and may be ordered by the court  
8 to make restitution to the person with a disability having  
9 custody or ownership of the dog for veterinary bills and  
10 replacement costs of the dog. A person convicted of violating  
11 subsection (c-5) of this Section is guilty of a petty offense  
12 if the dog is not killed or totally disabled. A person  
13 convicted of violating subsection (c-5) of this Section is  
14 guilty of a Class C misdemeanor if the dog is killed or totally  
15 disabled, and may be ordered by the court to make restitution  
16 to the person with a disability having custody or ownership of  
17 the dog for veterinary bills and replacement costs of the dog.  
18 A person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of  
19 subsection (c-5) of this Section is guilty of a Class 4 felony  
20 if the dog is killed or totally disabled, and may be ordered by  
21 the court to make restitution to the person with a disability  
22 having custody or ownership of the dog for veterinary bill and  
23 replacement costs of the dog.

24 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)