



## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HB4602

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 recklessly permit a dog that is owned, harbored, or controlled by the person and off its owner's property or at large to cause injury to or the death of a guide, hearing, or support dog. Provides that a person convicted of this offense is guilty of a petty offense if the dog is not killed or totally disabled and 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 person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of this offense is guilty of a Class 4 felony 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 bill and replacement costs of the dog.

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CORRECTIONAL  
BUDGET AND  
IMPACT NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

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 and off its  
2 owner's property or at large to cause injury to or the death of  
3 a guide, hearing, or support dog.

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

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