

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 237,
2 Page 4, Section 538.210, Line 66, by inserting immediately after said section and line the following:

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4 "575.353. 1. A person commits the offense of assault on a [pølice] law enforcement animal
5 if he or she knowingly attempts to kill or disable or knowingly causes or attempts to cause serious
6 physical injury to a [pølice] law enforcement animal when that animal is involved in law
7 enforcement investigation, apprehension, tracking, or search, or the animal is in the custody of or
8 under the control of a law enforcement officer, department of corrections officer, municipal police
9 department, fire department or a rescue unit or agency.

10 2. The offense of assault on a [pølice] law enforcement animal is a class [E] A
11 misdemeanor, unless the assault results in the death of such animal or disables such animal to the
12 extent it is unable to be utilized as a [pølice] law enforcement animal, in which case it is a class [E]
13 C felony.

14 578.007. The provisions of section 574.130[-] and sections 578.005 to 578.023 shall not
15 apply to:

16 (1) Care or treatment performed by a licensed veterinarian within the provisions of chapter
17 340;

18 (2) Bona fide scientific experiments;

19 (3) Hunting, fishing, or trapping as allowed by chapter 252, including all practices and
20 privileges as allowed under the Missouri Wildlife Code;

21 (4) Facilities and publicly funded zoological parks currently in compliance with the federal
22 "Animal Welfare Act" as amended;

23 (5) Rodeo practices currently accepted by the Professional Rodeo Cowboy's Association;

24 (6) The killing of an animal by the owner thereof, the agent of such owner, or by a
25 veterinarian at the request of the owner thereof;

26 (7) The lawful, humane killing of an animal by an animal control officer, the operator of an
27 animal shelter, a veterinarian, or law enforcement or health official;

28 (8) With respect to farm animals, normal or accepted practices of animal husbandry;

29 (9) The killing of an animal by any person at any time if such animal is outside of the
30 owned or rented property of the owner or custodian of such animal and the animal is injuring any
31 person or farm animal but this exemption shall not include [~~pølice or guard dogs~~] the killing or
32 injuring of a law enforcement officer dog while working;

33 (10) The killing of house or garden pests; or

34 (11) Field trials, training and hunting practices as accepted by the Professional Houndsmen
35 of Missouri.

36 578.022. Any dog that is owned, or the service of which is employed, by a law enforcement

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1 agency and that bites or injures another animal or human in the course of their official duties is
2 exempt from the provisions of sections 273.033 [~~and~~], 273.036 [~~and section~~], 578.012, and
3 578.024."; and
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5 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
6 accordingly.
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