

HB 903 -- PREVENT ANIMAL INCAPACITATION ACT NOW ACT

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This bill establishes the "Prevent Animal Incapacitation Now (PAIN) Act" which provides that any peace officer who directly causes the death of a domestic animal on or within any private residential property will be personally liable to the owner of the domestic animal for its death and required to pay the owner, within 90 days of the animal's death, a restitution payment of \$10,000 for each animal killed. Within 90 days of the death of a domestic animal under this section, the peace officer's employer must submit a report to the Attorney General's Office indicating certain facts, specified in the bill, related to the animal's death.

The peace officer's employer or union or trade association of which the officer is a member may voluntarily pay the restitution required under the bill. If the owner of the animal cannot be located within 90 days of its death, or the owner refuses to accept payment, the restitution required under this bill shall be paid to the State Treasurer, who will deposit it into the state's General Revenue Fund. If the payment is not made within 90 days of the animal's death, the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission must suspend the officer's license until full payment has been made.