

House Bill 2434

Sponsored by Representative G SMITH (at the request of Kenneth Matlack, Morrow County Sheriff)

SUMMARY

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Expands crimes of interfering with law enforcement animal and assaulting law enforcement animal.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to law enforcement animals; amending ORS 167.337 and 167.339.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 167.337 is amended to read:

5 167.337. (1) A person commits the crime of interfering with a law enforcement animal if the
6 person intentionally or knowingly injures or attempts to injure an animal the person knows or rea-
7 sonably should know is a law enforcement animal [*while the law enforcement animal is being used*
8 *in the lawful discharge of its duty*].

9 (2) Interfering with a law enforcement animal is a Class A misdemeanor.

10 **SECTION 2.** ORS 167.339 is amended to read:

11 167.339. (1) A person commits the crime of assaulting a law enforcement animal if[:]

12 [(a)] the person knowingly causes serious physical injury to or the death of a law enforcement
13 animal, knowing that the animal is a law enforcement animal[; and]

14 [(b) *The injury or death occurs while the law enforcement animal is being used in the lawful dis-*
15 *charge of the animal's duties*].

16 (2) Assaulting a law enforcement animal is a Class C felony.
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.