

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2629**

Ordered by the House May 6  
Including House Amendments dated May 6

Sponsored by Representative WITT, Senator JOHNSON; Representatives BARKER, BOONE, C EDWARDS, D EDWARDS, GARRETT, KAHL, MATTHEWS, NATHANSON, ROBLAN, SCHAUFLEER, STIEGLER, Senators DEVLIN, HASS, MONNES ANDERSON, MONROE, ROSENBAUM, SCHRADER

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

*[Increases maximum penalty for crime of interfering with a law enforcement animal to maximum of 5 years' imprisonment, \$125,000 fine, or both.]*

*[Increases maximum penalty for crime of assaulting a law enforcement animal to maximum of 10 years' imprisonment, \$250,000 fine, or both.]*

**Imposes additional fine of \$500 on person convicted of crime of interfering with law enforcement animal.**

**Imposes additional fine of \$1,000 on person convicted of crime of assaulting law enforcement animal.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to crimes involving animals; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 167.337 and  
3 167.339.

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

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

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

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

11 **(3) When a person is convicted of interfering with a law enforcement animal, in addition**  
12 **to any other sentence the court may impose, the court shall impose a fine in the amount of**  
13 **\$500.**

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

15 167.339. (1) A person commits the crime of assaulting a law enforcement animal if:

16 (a) The person knowingly causes serious physical injury to or the death of a law enforcement  
17 animal, knowing that the animal is a law enforcement animal; and

18 (b) The injury or death occurs while the law enforcement animal is being used in the lawful  
19 discharge of the animal's duties.

20 (2) Assaulting a law enforcement animal is a Class C felony.

21 **(3) When a person is convicted of assaulting a law enforcement animal, in addition to any**  
22 **other sentence the court may impose, the court shall impose a fine in the amount of \$1,000.**

23 **SECTION 3.** The amendments to ORS 167.337 and 167.339 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2009

**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.

1 **Act apply to conduct occurring on or after the effective date of this 2009 Act.**

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