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House Bill 2629

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. ORS 167.337 is amended to read:

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

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

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

SECTION 2. ORS 167.339 is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 167.337 and 167.339 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2009 Act apply to conduct occurring on or after the effective date of this 2009 Act.

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