

House Bill 2629

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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 **as introduced**.

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.

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*] **C felony**.

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

12 167.339. (1) A person commits the crime of assaulting a law enforcement animal if:

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

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

17 (2) Assaulting a law enforcement animal is a Class [*C*] **B felony**.

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

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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.