

CHAPTER 22

[House Bill No. 289]

POLICE DOGS—IMMUNITY OF HANDLERS—PENALTY FOR HARMING

AN ACT Relating to police dogs; adding a new section to chapter 4.24 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9A.76 RCW; defining crimes; and prescribing penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 4.24 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Police dog" means a dog used by a law enforcement agency specially trained for law enforcement work and under the control of a dog handler.

(b) "Dog handler" means a law enforcement officer who has successfully completed training as prescribed by the Washington state criminal justice training commission in police dog handling.

(2) Any dog handler who uses a police dog in the line of duty in accordance with standards established by the law enforcement agency for which he works is immune from civil action for damages arising out of such activities.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 9A.76 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) A person is guilty of harming a police dog if he wilfully injures, disables, shoots, or kills by any means any dog used by a peace officer in discharging or attempting to discharge any legal duty or power of his office.

(2) Harming a police dog is a class C felony.

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CHAPTER 23

[House Bill No. 330]

FILING OF PRELIMINARY PLATS, SUBDIVISIONS NEAR PUBLIC AIRPORTS—
NOTICE TO SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

AN ACT Relating to preliminary plats; and amending section 8, chapter 271, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 58.17.080.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 8, chapter 271, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 58.17.080 are each amended to read as follows: