

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2116 Session of
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BROWNE AND KING, OCTOBER 18, 1995

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
OCTOBER 18, 1995

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), entitled
2 "An act relating to dogs, regulating the keeping of dogs;
3 providing for the licensing of dogs and kennels; providing
4 for the protection of dogs and the detention and destruction
5 of dogs in certain cases; regulating the sale and
6 transportation of dogs; declaring dogs to be personal
7 property and the subject of theft; providing for the
8 assessment of damages done to livestock, poultry and domestic
9 game birds; providing for payment of damages by the
10 Commonwealth in certain cases and the liability of the owner
11 or keeper of dogs for such damages; imposing powers and
12 duties on certain State and local officers and employees;
13 providing penalties; and creating a Dog Law Restricted
14 Account," further providing for penalties for torture to
15 police dogs.

16 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
17 hereby enacts as follows:

18 Section 1. Section 602(b) of the act of December 7, 1982
19 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, amended May 31, 1990
20 (P.L.211, No.45), is amended to read:

21 Section 602. Dogs used for law enforcement.

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1 (b) Illegal to torture certain dogs.--It shall be unlawful
2 for any person to willfully or maliciously torture, mutilate,
3 injure, disable, poison or kill any dog used by any municipal or
4 State police department or agency in the performance of the
5 functions or duties of the department or agency or to commit any
6 of the stated acts in the course of interfering with any such
7 dog used by the department or agency or any member thereof in
8 the performance of any of the functions or duties of the
9 department or agency or of such officer or member. Any person
10 who violates any of the provisions of this subsection commits a
11 [misdemeanor of the first] felony of the third degree.

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13 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.