

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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LOGAN, COSTA, PUNT, WENGER, WAUGH, C. WILLIAMS, WONDERLING
AND STACK, SEPTEMBER 29, 2005

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, NOVEMBER 21, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for police animals.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Section 5511.2(d) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
6 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

7 § 5511.2. Police animals.

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9 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
10 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
11 subsection:

12 "Accelerant detection dog." A dog which is trained for
13 accelerant detection, commonly referred to as arson canines.

14 "Bomb detection dog." A dog which is trained to locate a
15 bomb or explosives by scent.

16 "Narcotic detection dog." A dog which is trained to locate
17 narcotics by scent.

1 "Police animal." An animal, including, but not limited to,
2 dogs and horses, used by the Pennsylvania State Police, the
3 Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA)
4 Police Department, the police department of the Port Authority <—
5 of Allegheny County A POLICE DEPARTMENT created pursuant to the <—
6 act of April 6, 1956 (1955 P.L.1414, No.465), known as the
7 Second Class County Port Authority Act, the Department of
8 Corrections, a county facility or office or by a municipal
9 police department, fire department, search and rescue unit or
10 agency or handler under the supervision of such department,
11 search and rescue unit or agency in the performance of the
12 functions or duties of such department, search and rescue unit
13 or agency, whether the animal is on duty or not on duty. The
14 term shall include, but not be limited to, an accelerant
15 detection dog, bomb detection dog, narcotic detection dog,
16 search and rescue dog and tracking animal.

17 "Search and rescue dog." A dog which is trained to locate
18 lost or missing persons, victims of natural or manmade disasters
19 and human bodies.

20 "Tracking animal." An animal which is trained to track or
21 used to pursue a missing person, escaped inmate or fleeing
22 felon.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.