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

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 29, 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 Department of Corrections, a county
5 facility or office or by a municipal police department, fire
6 department, search and rescue unit or agency or handler under
7 the supervision of such department, search and rescue unit or
8 agency in the performance of the functions or duties of such
9 department, search and rescue unit or agency, whether the animal
10 is on duty or not on duty. The term shall include, but not be
11 limited to, an accelerant detection dog, bomb detection dog,
12 narcotic detection dog, search and rescue dog and tracking
13 animal.

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

17 "Tracking animal." An animal which is trained to track or
18 used to pursue a missing person, escaped inmate or fleeing
19 felon.

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