

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

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

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, NOVEMBER 15, 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 CREATED PURSUANT TO THE ACT OF APRIL 6, 1956  
6 (1955 P.L.1414, NO.465), KNOWN AS THE SECOND CLASS COUNTY PORT  
7 AUTHORITY ACT, the Department of Corrections, a county facility  
8 or office or by a municipal police department, fire department,  
9 search and rescue unit or agency or handler under the  
10 supervision of such department, search and rescue unit or agency  
11 in the performance of the functions or duties of such  
12 department, search and rescue unit or agency, whether the animal  
13 is on duty or not on duty. The term shall include, but not be  
14 limited to, an accelerant detection dog, bomb detection dog,  
15 narcotic detection dog, search and rescue dog and tracking  
16 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.