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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and  
3 related offenses, further providing for police animals.

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

6 Section 1. Section 5511.2 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:

8 § 5511.2. Police animals.

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10 (b.1) Aggravating circumstance.--It shall be an aggravating  
11 circumstance if the offense under subsection (b) is committed  
12 while the police animal is in the performance of its duty. A  
13 person who violates the provisions of subsection (b) while the  
14 police animal is in the performance of its duty commits a felony  
15 of the first degree.

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