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FEBRUARY 18, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for criminal
3 homicide of law enforcement officer and for police animals.

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

6 Section 1. Section 2507(e) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by
8 adding a subsection to read:

9 § 2507. Criminal homicide of law enforcement officer.

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11 (d.1) Restitution.--In any case in which a defendant is
12 convicted of killing a police animal in violation of subsection
13 (a), (b), (c) or (d), the defendant shall be ordered to make
14 restitution to the agency or individual owning the animal for
15 replacement costs of the animal and for the salary of the
16 animal's handler for the period of time the handler's services

1 are lost to the agency.

2 (e) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
3 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
4 subsection:

5 "Law enforcement officer." This term shall have the same
6 meaning as the term "peace officer" is given under section 501
7 (relating to definitions) and shall include "police animal" as
8 defined in section 5511.2 (relating to police animals).

9 "Perpetration of a felony." As defined under section 2502(d)
10 (relating to murder).

11 Section 2. Section 5511.2(b) and (c) of Title 18 are amended
12 to read:

13 § 5511.2. Police animals.

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15 (b) Illegal to torture police animals.--It shall be unlawful
16 for any person to willfully or maliciously torture, mutilate,
17 injure, disable[,]or poison [or kill] a police animal. Any
18 person who violates any of the provisions of this subsection
19 commits a felony of the third degree.

20 (c) Restitution.--In any case in which a defendant is
21 convicted of a violation of subsection (a) or (b), the defendant
22 shall be ordered to make restitution to the agency or individual
23 owning the animal for any veterinary bills, for replacement
24 costs of the animal if it is disabled [or killed] and for the
25 salary of the animal's handler for the period of time the
26 handler's services are lost to the agency.

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28 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.