

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1108 Session of
2024

INTRODUCED BY BROWN, MASTRIANO, MARTIN, BARTOLOTTA, LANGERHOLC,
PENNYCUICK, BREWSTER, PHILLIPS-HILL, GEBHARD, DUSH, KANE AND
VOGEL, MARCH 28, 2024

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 28, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 38 (Holidays and Observances) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in veteran recognition, providing for
3 K9 Veterans Day.

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

6 Section 1. Title 38 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 1306. K9 Veterans Day.

9 (a) Legislative findings and declarations.--The General
10 Assembly finds and declares as follows:

11 (1) The official K9 Corps was created on March 13, 1942,
12 when the United States military began actively recruiting and
13 training canine forces.

14 (2) Military working dogs are always on the clock and
15 actively working in combat zones worldwide.

16 (3) It is important to recognize the thousands of dogs
17 that served with honor, dignity and valor throughout history,
18 around the clock and in combat zones, just like human

1 soldiers.

2 (4) Each military working dog is a noncommissioned
3 officer one rank higher than its handler and is part of the
4 team, risk, intelligence and protection of the United States
5 military.

6 (5) A military working dog risks its health and life by
7 working side by side with our human veterans to accomplish
8 difficult missions.

9 (6) Field medics are now trained on how to treat injured
10 military working dogs.

11 (b) Designation.--March 13 of each year is designated as K9
12 Veterans Day.

13 (c) Proclamation.--The Governor shall annually issue a
14 proclamation encouraging residents of this Commonwealth to
15 observe K9 Veterans Day.

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