

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0055

Harming assistance animals.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Illoway, Hinckley and Samuelson and Senator(s) Hanes, Mockler and Ross

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to service dogs; providing penalties for  
2 harming service dogs; and providing for an effective date.

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4 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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6 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-13-206 is created to read:

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8 **35-13-206. Injuring or killing a service dog**  
9 **prohibited; penalties.**

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11 (a) Any person who knowingly, willfully and without  
12 lawful cause or justification inflicts, or permits or  
13 directs any animal under his control or ownership to  
14 inflict, serious bodily harm, permanent disability or death  
15 upon any service dog as defined in W.S. 35-13-205(a)(i) is  
16 guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not

1 more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven  
2 hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.

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4 (b) A court shall order a defendant convicted of an  
5 offense under subsection (a) of this section to make  
6 restitution to the owner of the service dog for:

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8 (i) Related veterinary or medical bills;

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10 (ii) The cost of replacing the service dog or  
11 retraining an injured service dog by an organization  
12 generally recognized by agencies involved in the  
13 rehabilitation of persons with disabilities as reputable  
14 and competent to provide special equipment for or special  
15 training to an animal to help a person with a disability;  
16 and

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18 (iii) Any other expense reasonably incurred as a  
19 result of the offense.

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21 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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