

No. 1981-85

## AN ACT

SB 633

Amending the act of December 22, 1965 (P.L.1124, No.437), entitled "An act relating to dogs; regulating the keeping of dogs; providing for the licensing of dogs and kennels; providing for the protection of dogs and the detention and destruction of dogs in certain cases; regulating the sale and transportation of dogs; declaring dogs to be personal property and the subject of larceny; providing for the assessment of damages done to livestock, poultry and domestic game birds; providing for payment of damages by the Commonwealth in certain cases and the liability of the owner or keeper of dogs for such damages; imposing powers and duties on certain State and local officers and employes; providing penalties, and repealing certain acts," providing penalties for mistreatment of or interference with police department dogs and exempting such dogs from quarantine.

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

Section 1. Article VI, act of December 22, 1965 (P.L.1124, No.437), known as the "Dog Law of 1965," is amended by adding sections to read:

ARTICLE VI  
INJURY TO DOGS

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***Section 602. It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully and maliciously taunt, torment, tease, beat, kick or strike any dog used by any municipal or State police department or agency in the performance of the functions or duties of such department or agency or to interfere with or meddle with any such dog used by the department or agency or any member thereof in the performance of the functions or duties of the department or agency or of such officer or member. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a summary offense.***

***Section 603. It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully or maliciously torture, mutilate, injure, disable, poison or kill any dog used by any municipal or State police department or agency in the performance of the functions or duties of the department or agency or to interfere with or meddle with any such dog used by the department or agency or any member thereof in the performance of any of the functions or duties of the department or agency or of such officer or member. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a summary offense.***

Section 2. Article VII of the act is amended by adding a section to read:

ARTICLE VII  
CONFINEMENT OF DOGS

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*Section 703. Quarantine of dogs as required by law shall not apply to dogs owned by any State or municipal police department or agency when such dogs are under the direct supervision and care of a police officer and subject to routine veterinary care.*

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

APPROVED—The 10th day of July, A. D. 1981.

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