

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2191

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Yeas 95 Nays 0

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Yeas 49 Nays 0

President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2191** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness (originally sponsored by Representatives Rivers, Blake, Klippert, Hurst, Haler, Takko, Alexander, Hope, Harris, and Reykdal)

READ FIRST TIME 01/31/12.

1 AN ACT Relating to police dogs; amending RCW 16.08.040 and
2 9A.76.200; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 16.08.040 and 1941 c 77 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The owner of any dog which shall bite any person while such
7 person is in or on a public place or lawfully in or on a private place
8 including the property of the owner of such dog, shall be liable for
9 such damages as may be suffered by the person bitten, regardless of the
10 former viciousness of such dog or the owner's knowledge of such
11 viciousness.

12 (2) This section does not apply to the lawful application of a
13 police dog, as defined in RCW 4.24.410.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9A.76.200 and 2003 c 269 s 1 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 (1) A person is guilty of harming a police dog, accelerant
17 detection dog, or police horse, if he or she maliciously injures,
18 disables, shoots, or kills by any means any dog or horse that the

1 person knows or has reason to know to be a police dog or accelerant
2 detection dog, as defined in RCW 4.24.410, or police horse, as defined
3 in subsection (2) of this section, whether or not the dog or horse is
4 actually engaged in police or accelerant detection work at the time of
5 the injury.

6 (2) "Police horse" means any horse used or kept for use by a law
7 enforcement officer in discharging any legal duty or power of his or
8 her office.

9 (3) Harming a police dog, accelerant detection dog, or police horse
10 is a class C felony.

11 (4)(a) In addition to the criminal penalty provided in this section
12 for harming a police dog:

13 (i) The court may impose a civil penalty of up to five thousand
14 dollars for harming a police dog.

15 (ii) The court shall impose a civil penalty of at least five
16 thousand dollars and may increase the penalty up to a maximum of ten
17 thousand dollars for killing a police dog.

18 (b) Moneys collected must be distributed to the jurisdiction that
19 owns the police dog.

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