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1 AN ACT Relating to dog guides and service animals; adding a new
2 section to chapter 9.91 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.91 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1)(a) Any person who intentionally interferes with the use of a
7 dog guide or service animal by obstructing, intimidating, or otherwise
8 jeopardizing the safety of the dog guide or service animal user, or his
9 or her dog guide or service animal, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor
10 punishable according to chapter 9A.20 RCW.

11 (b) Any person who intentionally or negligently allows his or her
12 pet to interfere with the use of a dog guide or service animal by
13 obstructing, intimidating, or otherwise jeopardizing the safety of the
14 dog guide or service animal user, or his or her dog guide or service
15 animal, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor punishable according to
16 chapter 9A.20 RCW.

17 (2) Any person who negligently injures or causes the death of a dog
18 guide or service animal, or negligently allows his or her pet to injure

1 or cause the death of a dog guide or service animal, is guilty of a
2 gross misdemeanor punishable according to chapter 9A.20 RCW.

3 (3) Any person who intentionally injures or causes the death of a
4 dog guide or service animal is guilty of a class B felony punishable
5 according to chapter 9A.20 RCW.

6 (4) Any person who wrongfully obtains or exerts unauthorized
7 control over the dog guide or service animal with intent to deprive the
8 dog guide or service animal user of the dog guide or service animal is
9 guilty of a class B felony punishable according to chapter 9A.20 RCW.

10 (5) In any case in which the defendant is convicted of a violation
11 of this section, the defendant shall be ordered to make restitution for
12 veterinary expenses and replacement costs, including retraining, of the
13 dog guide or service animal to the party or parties who are responsible
14 for such costs, and restitution for any income lost by the dog guide or
15 service animal user if the dog guide or service animal is no longer
16 able to safely or dependably perform its duties.

17 (6) Nothing in this section is intended to affect any civil
18 remedies available for violations of this section.

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