
HOUSE BILL 2440

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1 AN ACT Relating to police horses; and amending RCW 4.24.410.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 4.24.410 and 1993 c 180 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) As used in this section:

6 (a) "Police dog" means a dog used by a law enforcement agency
7 specially trained for law enforcement work and under the control of a
8 dog handler.

9 (b) "Accelerant detection dog" means a dog used exclusively for
10 accelerant detection by the state fire marshal or a fire department and
11 under the control of the state fire marshal or his or her designee or
12 a fire department handler.

13 (c) "Dog handler" means a law enforcement officer who has
14 successfully completed training as prescribed by the Washington state
15 criminal justice training commission in police dog handling, or in the
16 case of an accelerant detection dog, the state fire marshal's designee
17 or an employee of the fire department authorized by the fire chief to
18 be the dog's handler.

1 (d) "Horse handler" means a law enforcement officer who has
2 successfully completed training as prescribed by the Washington state
3 criminal justice training commission in police horse handling.

4 (e) "Police horse" means a horse used by a law enforcement agency
5 specially trained for law enforcement work and under the control of a
6 horse handler.

7 (2) Any dog handler who uses a police dog and any horse handler who
8 uses a police horse in the line of duty in good faith is immune from
9 civil action for damages arising out of (~~such~~) the use of the police
10 dog (~~or~~), accelerant detection dog, or police horse.

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