



# SENATE BILL No. 585

April 28, 1993, Introduced by Senators BOUCHARD, CISKY,  
GOUGEON and HART and referred to the Committee on  
Judiciary.

A bill to amend Act No. 328 of the Public Acts of 1931,  
entitled as amended

"The Michigan penal code,"

as amended, being sections 750.1 to 750.568 of the Michigan  
Compiled Laws, by adding section 50a.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Act No. 328 of the Public Acts of 1931, as  
2 amended, being sections 750.1 to 750.568 of the Michigan Compiled  
3 Laws, is amended by adding section 50a to read as follows:

4 SEC. 50A. (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

5 (A) "DOG HANDLER" MEANS A PEACE OFFICER WHO HAS SUCCESSFULLY  
6 COMPLETED TRAINING IN THE HANDLING OF A POLICE DOG PURSUANT TO A  
7 POLICY OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT EMPLOYS THAT PEACE  
8 OFFICER.

1 (B) "PHYSICAL HARM" MEANS ANY INJURY TO A DOG'S OR HORSE'S  
2 PHYSICAL CONDITION.

3 (C) "POLICE DOG" MEANS A DOG USED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT  
4 AGENCY OF THIS STATE OR OF A LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT OF THIS  
5 STATE THAT IS TRAINED FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT WORK AND SUBJECT TO THE  
6 CONTROL OF A DOG HANDLER.

7 (D) "POLICE HORSE" MEANS A HORSE USED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT  
8 AGENCY OF THIS STATE OR OF A LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT OF THIS  
9 STATE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT WORK.

10 (E) "SERIOUS PHYSICAL HARM" MEANS ANY INJURY TO A DOG'S OR  
11 HORSE'S PHYSICAL CONDITION OR WELFARE THAT IS NOT NECESSARILY  
12 PERMANENT BUT THAT CONSTITUTES SUBSTANTIAL BODY DISFIGUREMENT, OR  
13 THAT SERIOUSLY IMPAIRS THE FUNCTION OF A BODY ORGAN OR LIMB.

14 (2) A PERSON SHALL NOT INTENTIONALLY KILL OR CAUSE SERIOUS  
15 PHYSICAL HARM TO A POLICE DOG OR POLICE HORSE.

16 (3) A PERSON SHALL NOT INTENTIONALLY CAUSE PHYSICAL HARM TO  
17 A POLICE DOG OR POLICE HORSE.

18 (4) A PERSON SHALL NOT INTENTIONALLY HARASS OR INTERFERE  
19 WITH A POLICE DOG OR POLICE HORSE LAWFULLY PERFORMING ITS  
20 DUTIES.

21 (5) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (2) IS GUILTY OF A  
22 FELONY PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 4 YEARS OR A  
23 FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$2,000.00, OR BOTH.

24 (6) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (7), A PERSON WHO VIO-  
25 LATES SUBSECTION (3) OR (4) IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE  
26 BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR OR A FINE OF NOT MORE  
27 THAN \$500.00, OR BOTH.

1 (7) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (3) OR (4) WHILE  
2 COMMITTING A CRIME IS GUILTY OF A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISON-  
3 MENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 2 YEARS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN  
4 \$1,000.00, OR BOTH.

5 (8) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT AN INDIVIDUAL FROM BEING  
6 CHARGED WITH, CONVICTED OF, OR PUNISHED FOR ANY OTHER VIOLATION  
7 OF LAW COMMITTED BY THAT INDIVIDUAL WHILE VIOLATING THIS SECTION.