

S.F. No. 121, as introduced - 87th Legislative Session (2011-2012) [11-0940]

2.1 ~~or great~~ demonstrable bodily harm to a police dog, search and rescue dog, or an arson
2.2 dog when the dog is involved in law enforcement, fire, or correctional investigation or
2.3 apprehension, search and rescue duties, or the dog is in the custody of or under the control
2.4 of a peace officer, a trained handler, or an employee of a correctional facility.

2.5 (b) The court shall order a person convicted of violating this subdivision to pay
2.6 restitution, up to \$5,000, for the costs and expenses resulting from the crime. Costs and
2.7 expenses include, but are not limited to, the purchase and training of a replacement dog
2.8 and veterinary services for the injured dog. If the court finds that the convicted person is
2.9 indigent, the court may reduce the amount of restitution to a reasonable level or order it
2.10 paid in installments.

2.11 Subd. 2a. **Misdemeanor.** It is a misdemeanor for any person to intentionally and
2.12 without justification assault a police dog, search and rescue dog, or an arson dog when the
2.13 dog is involved in law enforcement, fire, or correctional investigation or apprehension,
2.14 search and rescue duties, or the dog is in the custody of or under the control of a peace
2.15 officer, a trained handler, or an employee of a correctional facility.

2.16 Subd. 3. **Definitions.** As used in this section:

2.17 (1) "arson dog" means a dog that has been certified as an arson dog by a state fire
2.18 or police agency or by an independent testing laboratory;

2.19 (2) "correctional facility" has the meaning given in section 241.021, subdivision 1,
2.20 paragraph (f);

2.21 (3) "peace officer" has the meaning given in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph
2.22 (c); and

2.23 (4) "search and rescue dog" means a dog that is trained to locate lost or missing
2.24 persons, victims of natural or other disasters, and human bodies.