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COMMITTEE REPORT

April 28, 2016

**S. 923**

Introduced by Senator Bryant

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Read the first time January 13, 2016.

**THE COMMITTEE ON**

**AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 923) to amend Section 47‑3‑630 of the 1976 Code, relating to police dogs and horses, to provide that a person who tortures, mutilates, injures, disables, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass with amendment:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 2 and inserting:

/ “Section 47‑3‑630. (A) A person who violates ~~any of the provisions of this article, except for Section 47‑3‑620,~~ Section 47‑3‑610 is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not less than thirty days nor more than six months, or both.

(B) A person who violates the provisions of Section 47‑3‑620 is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction,

(1) must be fined not less than two thousand dollars nor more than ~~five thousand~~ ten thousand dollars ~~and~~ or imprisoned not less than one year nor more than ~~five~~ ten years, or both;

(2) must pay restitution to the appropriate law enforcement agency to cover the full costs of restoring or replacing the dog or horse that was tortured, mutilated, injured, disabled, poisoned, or killed; and

(3) if a person is convicted under this section, that person may be required to complete up to five hundred (500) hours of community service for an animal‑related organization or foundation.” /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

DANIEL B. VERDIN III for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 47‑3‑630 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO POLICE DOGS AND HORSES, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO TORTURES, MUTILATES, INJURES, DISABLES, POISONS, OR KILLS A POLICE DOG OR HORSE MAY BE FINED UP TO THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, MAY BE IMPRISONED FOR UP TO TEN YEARS, MUST PAY RESTITUTION TO COVER THE COST OF RESTORING OR REPLACING THE DOG OR HORSE INJURED OR KILLED, AND MUST PARTICIPATE IN ANIMAL‑RELATED COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR ONE YEAR IN ADDITION TO OTHER PENALTIES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. This act may be referred to and cited as “Hyco’s Law”.

SECTION 2. Section 47‑3‑630 is amended to read:

“Section 47‑3‑630. (A) A person who violates ~~any of the provisions of this article, except for Section 47‑3‑620,~~ Section 47‑3‑610 is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not less than thirty days nor more than six months, or both.

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(1) must be fined not less than two thousand dollars nor more than ~~five thousand~~ thirty thousand dollars ~~and~~ or imprisoned not less than ~~one year~~ two years nor more than ~~five~~ ten years, or both;

(2) must pay restitution to the appropriate law enforcement agency to cover the full costs of restoring or replacing the dog or horse that was tortured, mutilated, injured, disabled, poisoned, or killed; and

(3) if a person was imprisoned under this section, that person, upon release, must complete one year of community service for an animal‑related organization or foundation.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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