

1 AN ACT relating to assault on a service animal.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 525.200 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) A person is guilty of assault on a service animal in the first degree when, without  
5 legal justification or lawful authority:
- 6 (a) He or she intentionally kills or causes serious physical injury to a service  
7 animal;
  - 8 (b) He or she intentionally causes physical injury to a service animal by means of  
9 a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument; or
  - 10 (c) He or she wantonly causes serious physical injury to a service animal by  
11 means of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument.
- 12 (2) ~~{For the purposes of this section, "service animal" has the same meaning as in KRS~~  
13 ~~525.010, except that "service animal" does not include assistance dogs as in KRS~~  
14 ~~525.010(6)(h).~~
- 15 ~~(3)~~—Assault on a service animal in the first degree is a Class D felony.