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H.P. 1435

House of Representatives, December 20, 2001

An Act to Protect Police Horses.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 17, 2001. Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative DUDLEY of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and
Representatives: COTE of Lewiston, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, HAWES of Standish,
MAYO of Bath, NORBERT of Portland, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, SIMPSON of Auburn.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §752-D is enacted to read:**

6 **§752-D. Unlawful interference with law enforcement horses**

8 1. A person is guilty of unlawful interference with a law enforcement horse if the person intentionally or knowingly:

10 A. Kills, mutilates or permanently disables any horse that
12 the person knows or reasonably should have known is
14 certified for law enforcement use. Violation of this
16 paragraph is a Class C crime; or

18 B. Torments, beats, strikes, injures, temporarily disables
20 or otherwise mistreats any horse that the person knows or
22 reasonably should have known is certified for law
24 enforcement use. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D
26 crime.

28 2. For the purposes of this section, a horse is certified
30 for law enforcement use if the State has certified that the horse
has satisfactorily completed requisite training for one or more
law enforcement purposes.

SUMMARY

This bill affords the same protection to police horses that is now offered to police dogs.