

717B.9 Injury or interference with a police service dog.

1. A person who knowingly, and willfully or maliciously torments, strikes, administers a nonpoisonous desensitizing substance to, or otherwise interferes with a police service dog, without inflicting serious injury on the dog, commits a serious misdemeanor.

2. A person who knowingly, and willfully or maliciously does any of the following commits a class "D" felony:

- a. Tortures a police service dog.
- b. Injures, so as to disfigure or disable, a police service dog.
- c. Sets a booby trap device for purposes of injuring, so as to disfigure or disable, or killing a police service dog.
- d. Pays or agrees to pay a bounty for purposes of injury, so as to disfigure or disable, or killing a police service dog.
- e. Kills a police service dog.
- f. Administers poison to a police service dog.

3. As used in [this section](#), "police service dog" means a dog used by a peace officer or correctional officer in the performance of the officer's duties, whether or not the dog is on duty.

4. [This section](#) does not apply to a peace officer or veterinarian who terminates the life of such a dog for the purpose of relieving the dog of undue pain or suffering, or to a person who justifiably acts in defense of self or another.

[94 Acts, ch 1103, §20](#); [95 Acts, ch 107, §1](#)