

March 24, 2005

S 1058. AMEND ASSAULT ASSISTANCE ANIMAL. TO MAKE IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO ASSAULT AN ASSISTANCE ANIMAL WITH THE INTENT TO CAUSE PSYCHOLOGICAL HARM TO THE ANIMAL. Amends GS 14-163.1 to extend crimes of willfully causing serious physical injury or willfully causing physical injury to law enforcement or assistance animals to cover psychological harm and to require court to order defendant to make restitution if convicted. Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2005.

Intro. by Dalton.

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S 1058. AMEND ASSAULT ASSISTANCE ANIMAL. Intro. 3/24/05. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Amends GS 14-163.1(a) to delete separate reference to definition of "psychological harm" and to instead make criminal penalties set forth in section apply to all "harm" or "serious harm," not just those involving physical injuries. Includes any behavioral impairment that impedes or interferes with duties performed by a service animal in definition of "harm" and an impairment that requires retraining or retirement of the service animal in definition of "serious harm." Modifies proposed GS 14-163.1(d1), which lists the forms of restitution that a person violating section may be ordered to pay, to clarify that compensable medical expenses of the person with the disability are those relating to the harm inflicted upon the assistance animal and that compensable lost wages are those lost while the person with a disability or the law enforcement agency animal handler is attending the injured animal's retraining. Makes technical and conforming changes.

July 14, 2005

SL 2005-184 (S 1058). AMEND ASSAULT ASSISTANCE ANIMAL. AN ACT TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF ASSAULT ON AN ASSISTANCE ANIMAL AND TO REQUIRE RESTITUTION. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/24/05 and 5/16/05. Enacted July 12, 2005. Effective December 1, 2005.