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HOUSE BILL No. 2583

By Representatives Hawkins and Owens

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AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to crimes against the public morals; increasing the criminal penalty for harming or killing certain dogs and horses; requiring restitution for such crime to include veterinary medical treatment, funeral and burial expenses and replacement of such animal; amending K.S.A. 21-6416 and 21-6604 and repealing the existing sections.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 21-6416 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-6416. (a) Inflicting harm, disability or death to a police dog, arson dog, assistance dog, game warden dog—or, search and rescue dog *or police horse* is knowingly, and without lawful cause or justification, poisoning, inflicting great bodily harm, permanent disability or death; upon a police dog, arson dog, assistance dog, game warden dog—or, search and rescue dog *or police horse*.

- (b) Inflicting harm, that does not result in disability or death to a police dog, arson dog, assistance dog, game warden dog—or, search and rescue dog or police horse is a nonperson felony.—Upon conviction of this subsection, A person convicted of a violation of this subsection shall be sentenced to not less than 30 days—or nor more than one year's imprisonment and be fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$5,000. The person convicted shall not be eligible for release on probation, suspension or reduction of sentence or parole until the person has served—the a minimum mandatory sentence—as provided herein of 30 days.—During the mandatory—30 days imprisonment, such offender shall have a psychological evaluation prepared for the court to assist the court indetermining conditions of probation. Such conditions shall include, but not be limited to, the completion of an anger management program.
- (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), inflicting harm that results in disability or death to a police dog, arson dog, assistance dog, game warden dog, search and rescue dog or police horse is a severity level 4, nonperson felony.
- (2) Inflicting harm that results in disability or death to a police dog, arson dog, assistance dog, game warden dog, search and rescue dog or police horse during the commission of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer as described in K.S.A. 8-1568, and amendments thereto,

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amendments thereto, such damage or loss shall include, but not be limited to, attorney fees and costs incurred to repair the credit history or rating of the person whose personal identification documents were obtained and used in violation of such section, and to satisfy a debt, lien or other obligation incurred by the person whose personal identification documents were obtained and used in violation of such section. In regard to

- (B) For a violation of K.S.A. 21-5801, 21-5807, 21-5813 or 21-5818, and amendments thereto, such damage or loss shall include the cost of repair or replacement of the property that was damaged, the reasonable cost of any loss of production, crops and livestock, reasonable labor costs of any kind, reasonable material costs of any kind and any reasonable costs that are attributed to equipment that is used to abate or repair the damage to the property. If the court finds restitution unworkable, either in whole or in part, the court shall state on the record in detail the reasons therefor.
- (C) For a violation of K.S.A. 21-6416, and amendments thereto, such damage or loss shall include the cost for veterinary medical treatment, reasonable funeral and burial expenses and replacement of the police dog, arson dog, assistance dog, game warden dog, search and rescue dog or police horse.
- (2)(3) If the court orders restitution, the restitution shall be a judgment against the defendant that may be collected by the court by garnishment as provided in article 7 of chapter 60 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, or other execution. If, after 60 days from the date restitution is ordered by the court, a defendant is found to be in noncompliance with the restitution order, the court shall assign an agent procured by the judicial administrator pursuant to K.S.A. 20-169, and amendments thereto, to collect the restitution on behalf of the victim. The chief judge of each judicial district may assign such cases to an appropriate division of the court for the conduct of collection proceedings.
 - (4) Restitution shall be due immediately unless:
- (A) The court orders that the defendant be given a specified time to pay or be allowed to pay in specified installments; or
- (B) the court finds compelling circumstances that would render restitution unworkable, either in whole or in part.
- (5) If the court finds restitution unworkable, either in whole or in part, the court shall state on the record in detail the reasons therefor.
- (3)(6) If a restitution order entered prior to June 11, 2020, does not give the defendant a specified time to pay or set payment in specified installments, the defendant may file a motion with the court prior to December 31, 2020, proposing payment of restitution in specified installments. The court may recall the restitution order from the agent assigned pursuant to K.S.A. 20-169, and amendments thereto, until the court rules on such motion. If the court does not order payment in

Replacement costs shall include, but not be limited to, training costs, personnel expenses and costs associated with boarding the animal during training.

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defendant, after being apprised of the right to a revocation hearing before the court pursuant to K.S.A. 22-3716(b), and amendments thereto, refuses to waive such right.

- (t) Whenever the court has assigned the defendant to a community correctional services program pursuant to subsection (a)(4), the defendant's community corrections officer, with the concurrence of the community corrections director, may impose the violation sanctions as provided in K.S.A. 22-3716(c)(1)(B), and amendments thereto, without further order of the court unless the defendant, after being apprised of the right to a revocation hearing before the court pursuant to K.S.A. 22-3716(b), and amendments thereto, refuses to waive such right.
- (u) In addition to any of the above, the court shall authorize an additional 18 days of confinement in a county jail to be reserved for sanctions as set forth in K.S.A. 22-3716(b)(3)(B), (b)(4) or (c)(1)(B), and amendments thereto.
- (v) The amendments made to this section by section 1 of chapter 9 of the 2020 Session Laws of Kansas are procedural in nature and shall be construed and applied retroactively.
 - Sec. 3. K.S.A. 21-6416 and 21-6604 are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.