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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill provides criminal penalties for killing or harming animals trained to assist persons with disabilities.

Section

1 **Killing or harming an animal trained to assist persons with disabilities.**

Subd. 1. Crime described. Makes it a crime to intentionally or without justification cause harm or death to an animal trained to assist a person with a disability while the animal is involved in that purpose or in the custody of the disabled person.

Subd. 2. Criminal penalty. Provides the following penalties:

Felony, up to two years and \$5,000 or both, if the animal suffers great great bodily harm or death;

Gross misdemeanor, if the animal suffers substantial bodily harm; and

Misdemeanor, if the animal suffers bodily harm.

2 **Effective date.** Establishes August 1, 2001 as the effective date.