**§752-B. Unlawful interference with law enforcement dogs**

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

A. Kills, mutilates or permanently disables any dog that is in fact certified for law enforcement use and that the person knows or reasonably should have known is used for law enforcement purposes. Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime; or [PL 2005, c. 69, §1 (AMD).]

B. Torments, beats, strikes, injures, temporarily disables or otherwise mistreats any dog that is in fact certified for law enforcement use and that the person knows or reasonably should have known is used for law enforcement purposes. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime. [PL 2005, c. 69, §1 (AMD).]

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

[PL 1989, c. 446, §2 (NEW).]

**3.**

[PL 2001, c. 383, §83 (RP); PL 2001, c. 383, §156 (AFF).]

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