

# HOUSE BILL NO. 6042

November 07, 2024, Introduced by Rep. Conlin and referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice.

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled  
"The Michigan penal code,"  
by amending section 50c (MCL 750.50c), as amended by 2006 PA 517.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

- 1           Sec. 50c. (1) As used in this section:
- 2           (a) "Dog handler" means a peace officer who has successfully
- 3 completed training in the handling of a police dog pursuant to a
- 4 policy of the law enforcement agency that employs that peace
- 5 officer.

1 (b) "Physical harm" means any injury to a dog's or horse's  
2 physical condition.

3 (c) "Police dog" means a dog used by a law enforcement agency  
4 of this state or of a local unit of government of this state that  
5 is trained for law enforcement work and subject to the control of a  
6 dog handler.

7 (d) "Police horse" means a horse used by a law enforcement  
8 agency of this state or of a local unit of government of this state  
9 for law enforcement work.

10 (e) "Search and rescue dog" means a dog that is trained for,  
11 being trained for, or engaged in a search and rescue operation.

12 (f) "Search and rescue operation" means an effort conducted at  
13 the direction of an agency of this state or of a political  
14 subdivision of this state to locate or rescue a lost, injured, or  
15 deceased individual.

16 (g) "Serious physical harm" means any injury to a dog's or  
17 horse's physical condition or welfare that is not necessarily  
18 permanent but that constitutes substantial body disfigurement, or  
19 that seriously impairs the function of a body organ or limb.

20 (2) A person shall not intentionally kill or cause serious  
21 physical harm to a police dog or police horse or a search and  
22 rescue dog.

23 (3) A person shall not intentionally cause physical harm to a  
24 police dog or police horse or a search and rescue dog.

25 (4) A person shall not intentionally harass or interfere with  
26 a police dog or police horse or search and rescue dog lawfully  
27 performing its duties.

28 **(5) A person who is committing or attempting to commit a crime**  
29 **shall not kill or cause serious physical harm to a police dog or**

1 **police horse or a search and rescue dog.**

2 (6) ~~(5)~~—A person who violates subsection (2) is guilty of a  
3 felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 5 years, ~~or~~a  
4 fine of not more than \$10,000.00, or both.

5 (7) ~~(6)~~—Except as provided in subsection ~~(7)~~, ~~(8)~~, a person  
6 who violates subsection (3) or (4) is guilty of a misdemeanor  
7 punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year, ~~or~~a fine of  
8 not more than \$5,000.00, or both.

9 (8) ~~(7)~~—A person who violates subsection (3) or (4) while  
10 committing a crime is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment  
11 for not more than 2 years, ~~or~~a fine of not more than \$15,000.00,  
12 or both.

13 (9) **A person who violates subsection (5) is guilty of a felony**  
14 **punishable by imprisonment for not more than 2 years, a fine of not**  
15 **more than \$10,000.00, or both.**

16 (10) ~~(8)~~—This section does not prohibit an individual from  
17 being charged with, convicted of, or punished for any other  
18 violation of law committed by that individual while violating this  
19 section.

20 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act may be known as  
21 "Dozer's law".

22 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
23 after the date it is enacted into law.