STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. BRABENEC -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to elevating the severity of the felony offense of killing a police work dog or police work horse and establishing the class E felony offense of injuring a police work dog or police work horse

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The closing paragraph of section 195.06-a of the penal law, as added by chapter 162 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

Killing a police work dog or police work horse is a class [~~E~~] **D** felony.

§ 2. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 195.06-b to read as follows:

§ 195.06-b Injuring a police work dog or police work horse.

A person is guilty of injuring a police work dog or police work horse when such person intentionally causes serious physical injury to a police work dog or police work horse while such dog or horse is in the performance of its duties and under the supervision of a police officer. For purposes of this section, "police work dog" or "police work horse," as the case may be, shall mean any dog or horse owned or harbored by any state or municipal police department or any state or federal law enforcement agency, which has been trained to aid law enforcement officers and is actually being used for police work purposes.

Injuring a police work dog or police work horse is a class E felony.

§ 3. This act shall take effect the first of November next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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