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HOUSE BILL NO. 1187

Introduced by: Representatives Vanderlinde, Blake, Fargen, Frerichs, Hoffman, Jensen, Kirkeby, Lederman, Olson (Betty), Rounds, Solberg, Street, and Verchio and Senators Miles, Bradford, Dempster, Hundstad, Kloucek, Maher, Nelson, Peterson, and Tieszen

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to prohibit the killing, injury, or interference with a law
2 enforcement support animal and to establish certain penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. If any person intentionally and unjustifiably kills a law enforcement animal, the
5 person is guilty of a Class 6 felony. If any person intentionally and unjustifiably causes physical
6 injury to, torments, strikes, disables, or tampers with a law enforcement support animal, the
7 person is guilty of Class 1 misdemeanor. If any person harasses, taunts, or provokes a law
8 enforcement support animal; interferes with a law enforcement support animal while the animal
9 is working; or interferes with the individual handling the animal, the person is guilty of Class
10 2 misdemeanor. For purposes of this section, the term, law enforcement support animal, means
11 any animal that is on duty which is being used by or on behalf of a law enforcement officer in
12 the performance of the officer's functions and duties.

13 This section does not apply to a law enforcement officer or a veterinarian who terminates
14 the life of a law enforcement support animal to relieve the animal of undue suffering and pain.

