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Senate, No. 2541

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21 performance of his official duties commits a disorderly persons
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23 all of which may be community service, restitution and a \$1,000.00
24 fine.

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SENATE, No. 2541

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 9, 2010

Sponsored by:

Senator FRED H. MADDEN, JR.

District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)

Senator DONALD NORCROSS

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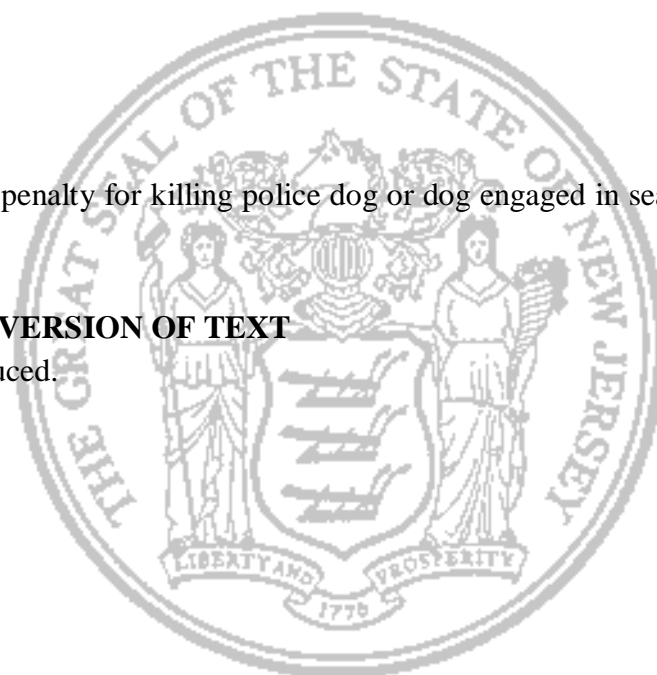
Senators Bateman, A.R.Bucco, Beach, Van Drew, Assemblymen Amodeo, Schroeder, Diegnan, Assemblywoman Wagner, Assemblymen Rudder and Delany

SYNOPSIS

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SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2541

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 20, 2011

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2541.

This bill, to be known as “Schultz’s Law,” enhances the penalty for killing a police dog or a dog engaged in search and rescue efforts.

Under the provisions of this bill, persons convicted of killing a police dog or a dog engaged in search and rescue efforts would be subject to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of five years, during which they would be ineligible for parole. In addition, they would be subject to a \$15,000 fine.

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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
SENATE, No. 2541
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
214th LEGISLATURE

DATED: FEBRUARY 22, 2011

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Enhances penalty for killing police dog or dog engaged in search and rescue efforts.

Type of Impact: General Fund expenditure

Agencies Affected: Department of Corrections

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost	Indeterminate – See comments below		

- The Office of Legislative Services notes that there is no information available to determine the number of individuals who would be convicted under the provisions of this bill. However, Department of Corrections’ data indicate that the ongoing operating expenses of housing a State sentenced prison inmate is \$49,000 per year for the duration of that offender’s incarceration.
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BILL DESCRIPTION

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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Section: Judiciary

Analyst: Anne Raughley
Principal Fiscal Analyst

Approved: David J. Rosen
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2541

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 7, 2011

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2541.

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As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3602, also reported by the committee on this same date.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3602

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 9, 2010

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman PAUL D. MORIARTY

District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)

Assemblyman RUBEN J. RAMOS, JR.

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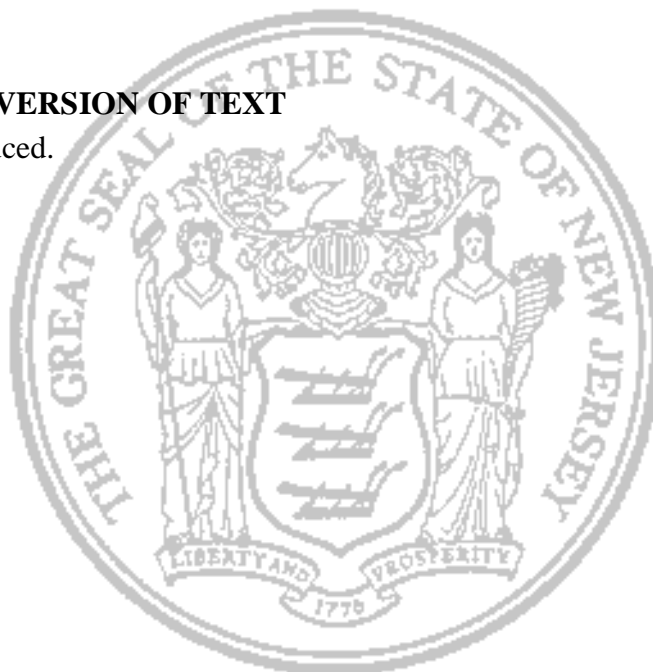
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ASSEMBLY, No. 3602
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
214th LEGISLATURE

DATED: FEBRUARY 22, 2011

SUMMARY

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BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 3602 of 2010, known as "Schultz's Law," enhances the penalty for killing a police dog or a dog engaged in search and rescue efforts.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

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ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3602

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 7, 2011

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3602.

Assembly Bill No. 3602, to be known as "Schultz's Law," enhances the penalty for killing a police dog or a dog engaged in search and rescue efforts.

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