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RE: H1367 An Act to increase the fine for harming a police dog or horse
DT: 20 October 2015

Dear Honorable Chair and Members of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary,

Thank you for considering *H1367, An Act to increase the fine for harming a police dog or horse* before your committee on October 21st.

The bill would change the fine for harming a police animal, dogs or horses, from a "fine of not less than one hundred dollars and not more than five hundred dollars" to "fine of not less than one hundred dollars and not more than one thousand dollars." The fines would increase from \$100-\$500 to \$100-\$1000, doubling the maximum allowed fine. This bill does not make any changes to imprisonment terms. Police animals serve alongside our police officers and are instrumental to public safety. Harm against these animals should be punished accordingly.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I respectfully request that *H1367, An Act to increase the fine for harming a police dog or horse* be released favorably and expeditiously from your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Heroux".

Paul Heroux