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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Jacobsen and Oke)

Brief Description: Increasing penalties for crimes against dog guides and service animals.

SB 5942-S.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that any person who has received notice that his or her behavior is interfering with the use of a dog guide or service animal who continues with reckless disregard to interfere with the use of a dog guide or service animal by obstructing, intimidating, or otherwise jeopardizing the safety of the dog guide or service animal user or his or her dog guide or service animal is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable according to chapter 9A.20 RCW, except that for a second or subsequent offense it is a gross misdemeanor.

Provides that any person who, with reckless disregard, allows his or her dog to interfere with the use of a dog guide or service animal by obstructing, intimidating, or otherwise jeopardizing the safety of the dog guide or service animal user or his or her dog guide or service animal is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable according to chapter 9A.20 RCW, except that for a second or subsequent offense it is a gross misdemeanor.

Declares that any person who, with reckless disregard, injures, disables, or causes the death of a dog guide or service animal is guilty of a gross misdemeanor punishable according to chapter 9A.20 RCW.

Declares that any person who, with reckless disregard, allows his or her dog to injure, disable, or cause the death of a dog guide or service animal is guilty of a gross misdemeanor punishable according to chapter 9A.20 RCW.

Provides that any person who intentionally injures, disables, or causes the death of a dog guide or service animal is guilty of a class C felony.

Provides that any person who wrongfully obtains or exerts unauthorized control over a dog guide or service animal with intent to deprive the dog guide or service animal user of his or her dog guide or service animal is guilty of theft in the first degree, RCW 9A.56.030.