<u>Scottish Conservative success bringing</u> <u>Finn's law to Scotland</u>

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Finn's Law has been introduced to the Scottish Parliament as part of the Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill.

This is a major success for the Scottish Conservatives who have been campaigning with PC Dave Wardell to introduce the new criminal offence of harming or killing a service animal, known as Finn's Law.

Liam Kerr's petition to implement Finn's Law was created a year ago and has now been signed by almost 57,000 people.

Liam Kerr MSP, Scottish Conservative shadow justice secretary said:

"This is great news and a real success for PC Dave Wardell, PD Finn and all their supporters.

"The Scottish Conservatives brought the Finn's Law campaign to Scotland to update the law and give brave police animals the legal protection they deserved.

"It looks like this is now going to be a reality, and that Scotland will now catch up to the rest of the UK in this important area.

"I would like to thank the 57,000 people who signed my petition and put their support to this important campaign.

"We will now monitor the passage of this bill extremely closely and ensure it protects police animals and punishes those who harm them.

"The success of the Finn's Law campaign shows how the Scottish Conservatives are delivering in opposition."