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**Amendment**

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5832

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING DAMAGES FOR THE UNLAWFUL  
KILLING OR INJURING OF COMPANION ANIMALS."**

1 After line 41, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 22-358 of the general statutes is  
3 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

4 (c) If such officer finds that the complainant has been bitten or  
5 attacked by such dog, cat or other animal when the complainant was  
6 not upon the premises of the owner or keeper of such dog, cat or other  
7 animal the officer shall quarantine such dog, cat or other animal in a  
8 public pound or order the owner or keeper to quarantine it in a  
9 veterinary hospital, kennel or other building or enclosure approved by  
10 the commissioner for such purpose. When any dog, cat or other animal  
11 has bitten a person on the premises of the owner or keeper of such  
12 dog, cat or other animal, the Chief Animal Control Officer, any animal  
13 control officer, any municipal animal control officer or regional animal

14 control officer may quarantine such dog, cat or other animal on the  
15 premises of the owner or keeper of such dog, cat or other animal. The  
16 commissioner, the Chief Animal Control Officer, any animal control  
17 officer, any municipal animal control officer or any regional animal  
18 control officer may make any order concerning the restraint or  
19 disposal of any biting dog, cat or other animal as the commissioner or  
20 such officer deems necessary. Notice of any such order shall be given  
21 to the person bitten by such dog, cat or other animal within twenty-  
22 four hours. The commissioner, the Chief Animal Control Officer, any  
23 animal control officer, any municipal animal control officer or any  
24 regional animal control officer may make any order concerning the  
25 restraint of any dog that is the subject of three complaints made to any  
26 animal control officer, municipal animal control officer, or regional  
27 animal control officer concerning such dog's dangerous disposition.  
28 The owner shall pay five dollars per day for the board of any such dog,  
29 cat or other animal while it is quarantined in a public pound in  
30 addition to any other legal fees that may be due. On the fourteenth day  
31 of such quarantine the dog, cat or other animal shall be examined by  
32 the commissioner or someone designated by the commissioner to  
33 determine whether such quarantine shall be continued or removed.  
34 Whenever any quarantine is ordered under the provisions of this  
35 section, notice thereof shall be given to the commissioner and to the  
36 person bitten or attacked by such dog, cat or other animal within  
37 twenty-four hours. Any owner or keeper of such dog, cat or other  
38 animal who fails to comply with such order shall be fined not more  
39 than two hundred fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty  
40 days or both. If an owner or keeper fails to comply with a quarantine  
41 or restraining order made pursuant to this subsection, the Chief  
42 Animal Control Officer, any animal control officer, any municipal  
43 animal control officer or regional animal control officer may seize the  
44 dog, cat or other animal to insure such compliance and the owner or  
45 keeper shall be responsible for any expenses resulting from such  
46 seizure. Any person aggrieved by an order of any municipal animal  
47 control officer, the Chief Animal Control Officer, any animal control  
48 officer or any regional animal control officer may request a hearing

49 before the commissioner within fourteen days of the issuance of such  
50 order. After such hearing, the commissioner may affirm, modify or  
51 revoke such order as the commissioner deems proper. Any dog owned  
52 by a police agency of the state or any of its political subdivisions is  
53 exempt from the provisions of this subsection when such dog is under  
54 the direct supervision, care and control of an assigned police officer,  
55 has been vaccinated annually and is subject to routine veterinary care."