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**Amendment**

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING OPEN SPACE AND HORSES."**

1      After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2      internal references accordingly:

3      "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) Any person who sustains  
4      damage by a dog to such person's sheep, goats, horses, hogs, cattle,  
5      poultry or domestic rabbits kept in enclosures shall make complaint  
6      concerning the circumstances of the attack by such dog on any such  
7      domestic animal to the Chief Animal Control Officer, any animal  
8      control officer or the municipal animal control officer or regional  
9      animal control officer of the town in which such dog is owned or kept.  
10     Any such officer to whom such complaint is made shall immediately  
11     make an investigation of such complaint. If such officer finds that the  
12     complainant's domestic animal has been bitten or attacked by such dog  
13     when such domestic animal was not on the premises of the owner or  
14     keeper of such dog, such officer may quarantine such dog in a public  
15     pound or may order the owner or keeper of such dog to quarantine  
16     such dog in a veterinary hospital, kennel or other building or enclosure

17 approved by the Commissioner of Agriculture for such purpose. The  
18 commissioner, the Chief Animal Control Officer or any animal control  
19 officer, municipal animal control officer or regional animal control  
20 officer may make any order concerning the restraint or disposal of any  
21 such attacking dog as the commissioner or such officer deems  
22 necessary. Notice of any such order shall be given to the owner of such  
23 dog within twenty-four hours. The owner of such dog shall pay all fees  
24 as set forth in section 22-333 of the general statutes. On the fourteenth  
25 day of such quarantine, such dog shall be examined by the  
26 commissioner or a person designated by the commissioner to  
27 determine whether such quarantine shall be continued or removed.  
28 Whenever any quarantine is ordered under the provisions of this  
29 section, notice thereof shall be given to the commissioner and to the  
30 complainant within twenty-four hours. Any owner or keeper of such  
31 dog who fails to comply with such order shall be fined not more than  
32 two hundred fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or  
33 both. If the owner or keeper of such dog fails to comply with a  
34 quarantine or restraining order made pursuant to this section, the  
35 Chief Animal Control Officer or any animal control officer, municipal  
36 animal control officer or regional animal control officer may seize such  
37 dog to ensure such compliance, and the owner or keeper of such dog  
38 shall be responsible for any expenses resulting from such seizure. Any  
39 person aggrieved by an order of the Chief Animal Control Officer or  
40 any animal control officer, municipal animal control officer or regional  
41 animal control officer made pursuant to this section may request a  
42 hearing before the commissioner not later than fourteen days after the  
43 issuance of such order. After such hearing, the commissioner may  
44 affirm, modify or revoke such order as the commissioner deems  
45 proper. Any dog owned by a police agency of the state or any of its  
46 political subdivisions is exempt from the provisions of this section  
47 when such dog is under the direct supervision, care and control of an  
48 assigned police officer, has been vaccinated annually and is subject to  
49 routine veterinary care."