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"AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY A DOG."

1 Strike section 1 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 22-357 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

5 If any dog does any damage to either the body or property of any
6 person, the owner or keeper, or, if the owner or keeper is a minor, the
7 parent or guardian of such minor, shall be liable for the amount of
8 such damage, except when such damage has been occasioned to the
9 body or property of a person who, at the time such damage was
10 sustained, was committing a trespass or other tort, or was teasing,
11 tormenting or abusing such dog. If a minor, on whose behalf an action
12 under this section is brought, was under seven years of age at the time
13 [the] such damage was done, it shall be presumed that such minor was
14 not committing a trespass or other tort, or teasing, tormenting or

15 abusing such dog, and the burden of proof thereof shall be upon the
16 defendant in such action. For the purposes of this section, "property"
17 includes, but is not limited to, a companion animal, as defined in
18 section 22-351a, and "the amount of such damage", with respect to a
19 companion animal, includes expenses of veterinary care, the fair
20 monetary value of the companion animal and burial expenses for the
21 companion animal."