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Amendment

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Offered by:

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"AN ACT CONCERNING OWNERS OF DOGS THAT HAVE VICIOUS DISPOSITIONS OR THAT BARK EXCESSIVELY."

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

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (c) of section 22-358 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
5 *October 1, 2011*):

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

16 control officer may quarantine such dog, cat or other animal on the
17 premises of the owner or keeper of such dog, cat or other animal. The
18 commissioner, the Chief Animal Control Officer, any animal control
19 officer, any municipal animal control officer or any regional animal
20 control officer may make any order concerning the restraint or
21 disposal of any biting dog, cat or other animal as the commissioner or
22 such officer deems necessary, including, but not limited to, requiring
23 any such dog to be muzzled whenever such dog is outside of the home
24 of such owner or keeper, regardless of whether such dog (1) remains
25 on such owner's or keeper's property, or (2) is kept in an enclosed
26 space on such owner's or keeper's property. Notice of any such order
27 shall be given to the person bitten by such dog, cat or other animal
28 within twenty-four hours. The owner of such animal shall pay all fees
29 as set forth in section 22-333. On the fourteenth day of such quarantine
30 the dog, cat or other animal shall be examined by the commissioner or
31 someone designated by the commissioner to determine whether such
32 quarantine shall be continued or removed. Whenever any quarantine
33 is ordered under the provisions of this section, notice thereof shall be
34 given to the commissioner and to the person bitten or attacked by such
35 dog, cat or other animal within twenty-four hours. Any owner or
36 keeper of such dog, cat or other animal who fails to comply with such
37 order shall be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars or
38 imprisoned not more than thirty days or both. If an owner or keeper
39 fails to comply with a quarantine or restraining order made pursuant
40 to this subsection, the Chief Animal Control Officer, any animal
41 control officer, any municipal animal control officer or regional animal
42 control officer may seize the dog, cat or other animal to insure such
43 compliance and the owner or keeper shall be responsible for any
44 expenses resulting from such seizure. Any person aggrieved by an
45 order of any municipal animal control officer, the Chief Animal
46 Control Officer, any animal control officer or any regional animal
47 control officer may request a hearing before the commissioner within
48 fourteen days of the issuance of such order. After such hearing, the
49 commissioner may affirm, modify or revoke such order as the
50 commissioner deems proper. Any dog owned by a police agency of the

51 state or any of its political subdivisions is exempt from the provisions
52 of this subsection when such dog is under the direct supervision, care
53 and control of an assigned police officer, has been vaccinated annually
54 and is subject to routine veterinary care."