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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE OVERNIGHT TETHERING OF DOGS OUTDOORS AND THE TETHERING OF DOGS OUTDOORS UNDER CERTAIN WEATHER CONDITIONS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 22-350a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

5 (a) No person shall tether a dog to a stationary object or to a mobile
6 device, including, but not limited to, a trolley or pulley by means of: [a:
7 (1) Tether] (1) A tether that does not allow such dog to walk at least
8 eight feet, excluding the length of such dog as measured from the tip
9 of such dog's nose to the base of such dog's tail, in any one direction,
10 (2) a tether that does not have swivels on both ends to prevent twisting
11 and tangling, unless [the owner or keeper of such dog] a person is in
12 the presence of such dog, (3) a coat hanger, choke collar, prong-type
13 collar, head halter or any other collar, halter or device that is not

14 specifically designed or properly fitted for the restraint of such dog, (4)
15 a tether that has weights attached or that contains metal chain links
16 more than one-quarter of an inch thick, or (5) a tether that allows such
17 dog to reach an object or hazard, including, but not limited to, a
18 window sill, edge of a pool, fence, public road or highway, porch or
19 terrace railing that poses a [substantial] risk of injury or strangulation
20 to such dog if such dog walks into or jumps over such object or hazard,
21 unless [the owner or keeper of such dog is on the premises] a person is
22 in the presence of such dog. The provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2)
23 of this subsection shall not be construed to apply to: (A) Any
24 veterinary practice licensed pursuant to section 20-197 that tethers a
25 dog in the course of such veterinary practice, (B) any exhibition, show,
26 contest or other temporary event in which the skill, breeding or
27 stamina of such dog is judged or examined, (C) any exhibition, class,
28 training session or other temporary event in which such dog is used in
29 a lawful manner to hunt a species of wildlife during the hunting
30 season for such species of wildlife or in which such dog receives
31 training in a lawful manner to hunt such species of wildlife, (D) the
32 temporary tethering of a dog at any camping or recreation area as
33 expressly authorized by the Commissioner of Energy and
34 Environmental Protection, or (E) the temporary tethering of a dog at a
35 grooming facility in the course of grooming such dog.

36 (b) No person shall tether a dog outdoors to a stationery object or to
37 a mobile device, including, but not limited to, a trolley or a pulley,
38 when a weather advisory or warning is issued by local, state or federal
39 authorities or when outdoor environmental conditions, including, but
40 not limited to, extreme heat, cold, wind, rain, snow or hail, pose an
41 adverse risk to the health or safety of such dog based on such dog's
42 breed, age or physical condition, unless tethering is for a duration of
43 not longer than fifteen minutes.

44 [(b)] (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any
45 protection afforded to any dog pursuant to any other provision of the
46 general statutes, regulations of the Connecticut state agencies, local

47 ordinance or local regulation.

48 [(c)] (d) Any person who confines or tethers a dog for an
49 unreasonable period of time or in violation of the provisions of
50 subsection (a) or (b) of this section shall be fined one hundred dollars
51 for the first offense, two hundred dollars for a second offense, and not
52 less than two hundred fifty dollars or more than five hundred dollars
53 for a third or subsequent offense."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2013	22-350a
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