



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5367

LCO No. 1810



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN BITING AND ATTACKING DOGS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2018,
2 the Commissioner of Agriculture shall convene a working group to
3 develop recommendations for legislation to: (1) Reduce the number of
4 attacks by domestic animals that result in the death or serious injury of
5 another animal or person, and (2) mitigate the effects of disposal
6 orders for such attacking domestic animals on municipalities and the
7 state by (A) augmenting the authority of animal control officers in such
8 circumstances, (B) reducing municipal costs associated with the delay
9 in undertaking any disposal order for any such attacking domestic
10 animal, and (C) shortening the appeals process for any such disposal
11 order. Such working group shall consist of the Commissioner of
12 Agriculture, or the commissioner's designee, the State Veterinarian, a
13 representative of an organization that represents animal control
14 officers, a representative of the American Kennel Club, a
15 representative of an organization that represents dog bite victims, the
16 chief elected officials of two municipalities, one of whom shall

17 represent a municipality with a population of one hundred thousand
18 persons or more and one of whom shall represent a municipality with
19 a population of ten thousand or fewer persons, a representative of the
20 insurance industry who shall have expertise with personal liability
21 coverages and products, a representative of the office of the Attorney
22 General, a representative of a municipal police department and a
23 representative of the Connecticut state police. In undertaking its work,
24 such working group shall hold at least one public forum. The
25 commissioner shall submit the recommendations of such working
26 group to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
27 cognizance of matters relating to the environment on or before January
28 1, 2019.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To convene a working group to examine the prevalence of vicious dog attacks in the state and develop recommendations for how to reduce the number of such attacks and how to mitigate the effects of disposal orders for such attacking animals on municipalities and the state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]