AN ACT CONCERNING QUARANTINE AND DISPOSAL ORDERS OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS.

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

Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 22-358 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

(c) If such officer finds that the complainant has been bitten or attacked by such dog, cat or other animal when the complainant was not upon the premises of the owner or keeper of such dog, cat or other animal the officer shall quarantine such dog, cat or other animal in a public pound or order the owner or keeper to quarantine it in a veterinary hospital, kennel or other building or enclosure approved by the commissioner for such purpose. When any dog, cat or other animal has bitten a person on the premises of the owner or keeper of such dog, cat or other animal, the Chief Animal Control Officer, any animal control officer, any municipal animal control officer or any regional animal control officer may quarantine such dog, cat or other animal on the premises of the owner or keeper of such dog, cat or other animal. The commissioner, the Chief Animal Control Officer, any animal control officer, any municipal animal control officer or any regional animal control officer may make any order concerning the restraint or disposal of any biting dog, cat or other animal as the commissioner or such officer deems necessary. Notice of any such order shall be given to the person bitten by such dog, cat or other animal within twenty-four hours. The owner of such animal shall pay all fees as set forth in section 22-333. On the fourteenth day of such quarantine the
dog, cat or other animal shall be examined by the commissioner or
someone designated by the commissioner to determine whether such
quarantine shall be continued or removed. Whenever any quarantine
is ordered under the provisions of this section, notice thereof shall be
given to the commissioner and to the person bitten or attacked by such
dog, cat or other animal within twenty-four hours. Any owner or
keeper of such dog, cat or other animal who fails to comply with such
order shall be guilty of a class D misdemeanor. If an owner or keeper
fails to comply with a quarantine or restraining order made pursuant
to this subsection, the Chief Animal Control Officer, any animal
control officer, any municipal animal control officer or any regional
animal control officer may seize the dog, cat or other animal to ensure
such compliance and the owner or keeper shall be responsible for any
expenses resulting from such seizure. Any person aggrieved by an
order of any municipal animal control officer, the Chief Animal
Control Officer, any animal control officer or any regional animal
control officer may request a hearing before the commissioner within
fourteen days of the issuance of such order. Any order issued pursuant
to this section that requires the restraint of an animal shall be effective
upon its issuance and shall remain in effect during any appeal of such
order to the commissioner. After such hearing, the commissioner may
affirm, modify or revoke such order as the commissioner deems
proper. Any dog owned by a police agency of the state or any of its
political subdivisions is exempt from the provisions of this subsection
when such dog is under the direct supervision, care and control of an
assigned police officer, is currently vaccinated and is subject to routine
veterinary care. Any guide dog owned or in the custody and control of
a blind person or a person with a mobility impairment is exempt from
the provisions of this subsection when such guide dog is under the
direct supervision, care and control of such person, is currently
vaccinated and is subject to routine veterinary care.

Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 22-359 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
1, 2019):

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repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
1, 2019):
(a) The commissioner may make such orders for the adequate confinement, control or destruction of any dog, cat or other animal as he deems necessary to prevent the spread of rabies and to protect the public therefrom provided, notwithstanding the provisions of section 22-358, as amended by this act, a local director of health may order the destruction of any unowned animal which is not currently vaccinated for rabies for the purpose of rabies testing if the director finds that the animal has bitten a person and the health or life of such person may be threatened. Any person who fails to comply with any order made under the provisions of this section shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars. The commissioner, the Chief Animal Control Officer, any animal control officer or any municipal animal control officer may quarantine any animal in a public pound, veterinary hospital, kennel or other building or enclosure approved by the commissioner for such purpose or on the premises of the owner of such dog, cat or ferret, as provided in this subsection, if in the determination of the commissioner or such officer, such animal is rabid or is suspected of being rabid, or has been bitten by, or may have been bitten by, or has been in contact with or exposed to, a rabid animal or an animal suspected of carrying rabies or any wild animal as defined in subsection (d) of this section. The length of such quarantine period shall be determined by the commissioner or the State Veterinarian who shall take into account the age, general health and vaccination history of the animal as well as current accepted veterinary practices. Any suspected or confirmed case of rabies shall be reported to the commissioner by a local director of health or board of health or any veterinarian within twenty-four hours of receipt of such information. Whenever a person, companion animal or other animal has been bitten or attacked by a dog, cat or ferret, any state, municipal or regional animal control officer shall quarantine such biting or attacking dog, cat or ferret for ten days. During such quarantine such biting or attacking dog, cat or ferret shall be observed for clinical signs of rabies. On the tenth day of such quarantine the dog, cat or ferret shall be examined by the State Veterinarian or a person designated by the State Veterinarian to determine whether such quarantine shall be continued.
or removed. The quarantine of a biting or attacking dog, cat or ferret shall conform to one of the following: (1) When the biting or attacking dog, cat or ferret has a current rabies vaccination, the biting or attacking dog, cat or ferret shall be quarantined in a public pound or in a veterinary hospital or in a commercial kennel approved by the State Veterinarian for such purpose or on the premises of the owner or keeper of such biting dog, cat or ferret when such premises is adequate for the confinement of such animal, as determined by the authority that issued such order; or (2) when the biting or attacking dog, cat or ferret does not have a current rabies vaccination, the biting or attacking dog, cat or ferret shall be quarantined in a public pound or in a veterinary hospital or in a commercial kennel approved by the State Veterinarian for such purpose, or the dog, cat or ferret may be quarantined or confined on the premises of the owner or keeper of the biting or attacking dog, cat or ferret due to medical necessity determined by a licensed veterinarian when such premises is adequate for the confinement of such animal and acceptable to the municipality or agency issuing the quarantine order and provided such animal is vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian on the tenth day of such quarantine.

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

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