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Title 4. Animals

Chapter 3 - Dogs

Dangerous Dogs

Section 47 - Animal Control's Authority to Confiscate Any Dangerous Dog - Act's Purpose

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A. Any dangerous dog shall be immediately confiscated by an animal control authority if:

1. The dog is not validly registered under Section 45 of this title;
2. The owner does not secure the liability insurance coverage or surety bond required under Section 45 of this title;
3. The dog is not maintained in the proper enclosure as defined by Section 44 of this title; and
4. The dog is outside of the dwelling of the owner, or outside the proper enclosure and not under physical restraint of the responsible person as required by Section 46 of this title.

B. The owner of a dangerous dog shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one (1) year or by the imposition of a fine not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment for any violation of the laws relating to dangerous dogs resulting in the confiscation of such dog pursuant to any provision of subsection A of this section.

C. The owner of a dangerous dog shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one (1) year, or by the imposition of a fine not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment for any personal injury caused by such dangerous dog. The fine, at the discretion of the court, may be offset by payments made by the dog owner to any victim of an injury or attack by the dog. However, insurance payments may not be considered as an offset. In addition, the court may require the owner to perform forty (40) hours of community service. The court may suspend any portion of the community service requirement set forth in this section. It shall be an affirmative defense to a prosecution pursuant to this subsection that the injury was sustained by a person who, at the time, was committing a willful criminal act upon the premises occupied by the owner of the dog or was assaulting the owner of the dog.

D. It is the purpose of Sections 44 through 47 of this title to provide additional and cumulative remedies to control dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs in this state. Nothing in this act shall be construed to abridge or alter rights of action or remedies of victims under the common law or statutory law, criminal or civil.

Historical Data

Laws 1991, SB 87, c. 199, § 4, eff. February 1, 1992; Amended by Laws 2006, HB 2813, c. 262, § 5, emerg. eff. June 7, 2006 ([superseded document available](#)).

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