
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DOGS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 142, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§142- Muzzle and leash required; penalty. (a) No dog
5 shall be permitted in or on a public street, on public school
6 grounds, or in any other place open to the public, except when
7 muzzled and under the control of the owner by leash, cord,
8 chain, or other similar means of physical restraint; provided
9 that:

10 (1) The muzzle shall consist of a leather, wire, plastic,
11 or cloth strap or restraining appliance that, when
12 fitted over the dog's snout, prevents the dog from
13 biting; and

14 (2) The leash, cord, chain, or other means is not more
15 than eight feet in length.

16 (b) This section shall not apply if the owner has taken
17 and completed with the dog the American Kennel Club's "Canine
18 Good Citizen" course or other obedience course taught by an



1 instructor certified by the National Association of Dog
2 Obedience Instructors or the Association of Pet Dog Trainers.

3 (c) This section shall not be construed to permit anything
4 that is prohibited by any other law.

5 (d) Violation of this section is a petty misdemeanor."

6 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
7 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
8 begun, before its effective date.

9 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Animal Control

Description:

Requires a dog walked on property open to the public to be muzzled and on a leash.

