
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ANIMALS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that excessive dog
2 barking in residential neighborhoods is a nuisance and decreases
3 the quality of life for residents in the vicinity. To ensure
4 that complaints of nuisance dog barking are investigated in a
5 timely manner, the legislature further finds that counties
6 should authorize the county contracted agency responsible for
7 the seizure and impounding of dogs to also conduct
8 investigations into complaints of nuisance dog barking.

9 SECTION 2. Section 143-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 "**§143-15 Contracts for seizing and impounding dogs.** Any
12 county may contract with any society or organization formed for
13 the prevention of cruelty to animals, or similar dog protective
14 organization, for the seizure and impounding of all unlicensed
15 dogs[~~and~~]; for the maintenance of a shelter or pound for
16 unlicensed dogs[~~and~~] and [~~for~~] lost, strayed, and homeless
17 dogs[~~and~~]; and [~~for~~] the destruction or other disposition of
18 seized dogs not redeemed as provided in this chapter. Each



1 county shall authorize the contracted society or organization to
2 serve as the sole entity to investigate complaints of nuisance
3 dog barking. The county may prescribe in the contract the
4 manner in which the work is to be done by the society or
5 organization and it may also direct the disposition to be made
6 of all dogs seized pursuant to this chapter."

7 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Animals; Dog Barking; Investigations

Description:

Requires counties to delegate authority to county contracted agencies for seizure and impounding of unlicensed dogs as sole entity to investigate complaints of nuisance dog barking.

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