

JAN 19 2024

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DOGS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 707, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:
4 "§707- Negligent failure to control a dog. (1) A
5 person commits the offense of negligent failure to control a dog
6 if:
7 (a) The person is the owner of a dog;
8 (b) The dog bites another person and causes serious bodily
9 injury; and
10 (c) The dog, at the time of the offense, is:
11 (i) Unleashed; or
12 (ii) On private property without the consent of the
13 owner of that property.
14 (2) Negligent failure to control a dog is a petty
15 misdemeanor unless the defendant has two or more convictions for
16 negligent failure to control a dog, in which case it is a
17 misdemeanor."



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1 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Dogs; Dog Bites; Negligence; Bodily Harm

Description:

Establishes the offense of negligent failure to control a dog.

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