



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

Raised Bill No. 1446

LCO No. 5893



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING ROAMING DOGS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 22-364 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

3 (a) No owner or keeper of any dog or livestock as defined in section
4 22-381 shall allow such dog or livestock to roam at large upon the land
5 of another and not under control of the owner or keeper or the agent of
6 the owner or keeper, nor allow such dog or livestock to roam at large on
7 any portion of any public highway and not attended or under control of
8 such owner or keeper or an agent of such owner or keeper, provided
9 nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit or prohibit the use
10 of hunting dogs during the open hunting or training season. The
11 unauthorized presence of any dog or livestock on the land of any person
12 other than the owner or keeper of such dog or livestock or on any
13 portion of a public highway when such dog or livestock is not attended
14 by or under the control of such owner or keeper, shall be prima facie
15 evidence of a violation of the provisions of this subsection. [Violation of
16 any provision of this subsection shall be an infraction.]

17 (b) The animal control officer or regional animal control officer
 18 appointed pursuant to section 22-328, 22-331 or 22-331a, as applicable,
 19 of any city or town in which any such dog or livestock is found roaming
 20 at large may, in addition to any other remedies provided by law, seek
 21 an order enforcing the provisions of this section, including an
 22 injunction, from the superior court of the judicial district in which such
 23 dog or livestock is found roaming at large.

24 (c) A violation of subsection (a) of this section concerning livestock
 25 shall be an infraction.

26 (d) (1) Any owner or keeper of any dog who violates subsection (a)
 27 of this section shall be fined not more than three hundred fifty dollars
 28 for a first violation and not more than five hundred dollars for a second
 29 violation. Any subsequent violation of subsection (a) of this section by
 30 an owner or keeper of any dog shall be a class C misdemeanor.

31 [(b)] (2) Any owner or keeper of any dog who, knowing of the vicious
 32 propensities of such dog and having violated [the provisions of]
 33 subsection (a) of this section within the preceding year, intentionally or
 34 recklessly violates [the provisions of] subsection (a) of this section shall
 35 be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more
 36 than six months, or both, if such dog, while roaming at large, causes
 37 physical injury to another person and such other person was not teasing,
 38 tormenting or abusing such dog.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	22-364

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