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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **SB 1446**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING ROAMING DOGS.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill increases the penalty for dog owners or keepers who allow their dogs to roam at large on another's land or on a public highway when not under their control.

Under current law, this is an infraction. The bill instead makes it punishable by a fine of up to \$350 for a first violation, a fine of up to \$500 for a second violation, and a class C misdemeanor for a subsequent violation, which is punishable by a fine of up to \$500, up to three months in prison, or both.

By law, the unauthorized presence of a dog on another's land or a public highway when not under its owner's or keeper's control is prima facie evidence of a violation.

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 39    Nay 0    (04/10/2025)