



General Assembly

***Amendment***

***January Session, 2025***

**LCO No. 8445**



Offered by:

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To: Senate Bill No. **1446**

File No. 776

Cal. No. 409

***"AN ACT CONCERNING ROAMING DOGS."***

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

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 Section 22-364 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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

5 (a) (1) No owner or keeper of any [dog or] livestock as defined in  
6 section 22-381 shall allow such [dog or] livestock to roam at large upon  
7 the land of another and not under control of the owner or keeper or the  
8 agent of the owner or keeper, nor allow such [dog or] livestock to roam  
9 at large on any portion of any public highway and not attended or under  
10 control of such owner or keeper or an agent of such owner or keeper. [,  
11 provided nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit or  
12 prohibit the use of hunting dogs during the open hunting or training

13 season.] The unauthorized presence of any [dog or] livestock on the land  
14 of any person other than the owner or keeper of such [dog or] livestock  
15 or on any portion of a public highway when such [dog or] livestock is  
16 not attended by or under the control of such owner or keeper, shall be  
17 prima facie evidence of a violation of the provisions of this subsection.  
18 [Violation of any provision of this subsection shall be an infraction.]

19 (2) No owner or keeper of any dog shall intentionally or as a result of  
20 gross negligence allow such dog to roam at large upon the land of  
21 another and not under control of the owner or keeper or the agent of the  
22 owner or keeper, nor intentionally or as a result of gross negligence  
23 allow such dog to roam at large on any portion of any public highway  
24 and not attended or under control of such owner or keeper or an agent  
25 of such owner or keeper, provided nothing in this subsection shall be  
26 construed to limit or prohibit the use of hunting dogs during the open  
27 hunting or training season.

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

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

43 (c) A violation of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section shall  
44 be an infraction.

45        (d) Any owner or keeper of any dog who violates subdivision (2) of  
46        subsection (a) of this section shall be fined not more than three hundred  
47        fifty dollars for a first violation and not more than five hundred dollars  
48        for a second violation. Any subsequent violation of said subdivision by  
49        an owner or keeper of any dog shall be a class C misdemeanor."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2025	22-364
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