



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 260

LCO No. 1639



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 Section 22-364 of the general statutes is repealed and the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, 2026*):

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.] The animal

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

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

26 (c) (1) Any owner or keeper of any dog who violates subsection (a) of
27 this section shall be (A) fined (i) not more than three hundred fifty
28 dollars for a first violation, or (ii) not more than five hundred dollars for
29 a subsequent violation, or (B) guilty of a class C misdemeanor for a third
30 or subsequent violation that occurs during the one-year period
31 following the immediate prior violation.

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

40 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the 2026 supplement to the
41 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
42 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

43 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any person
44 who is alleged to have committed (1) a violation under the provisions of
45 section 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 2-71h, 4b-13, 7-13, 7-14, 7-35 or 7-41, subsection (c)
46 of section 7-66, section 7-83, 7-147h, 7-148, 7-283, 7-325, 7-393, 8-12, 8-25,
47 8-27, 9-63, 9-322, 9-350, 10-185, 10-193, 10-197, 10-198, 10-230, 10-251, 10-

48 254, 10a-35, 12-52, 12-54, 12-129b or 12-170aa, subdivision (3) of
49 subsection (e) of section 12-286, section 12-286a, 12-292, 12-314b or 12-
50 326g, subdivision (4) of section 12-408, subdivision (3), (5) or (6) of
51 section 12-411, section 12-435c, 12-476a, 12-476b, 12-476c, 12-487, 13a-
52 26b, 13a-71, 13a-107, 13a-113, 13a-114, 13a-115, 13a-117b, 13a-123, 13a-
53 124, 13a-139, 13a-140, 13a-143b, 13a-253, 13a-263 or 13b-39f, subsection
54 (f) of section 13b-42, section 13b-90 or 13b-100, subsection (a) of section
55 13b-108, section 13b-221 or 13b-292, subsection (a) or (b) of section 13b-
56 324, section 13b-336, 13b-337, 13b-338, 13b-410a, 13b-410b or 13b-410c,
57 subsection (a), (b) or (c) of section 13b-412, section 13b-414 or 14-4,
58 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-12, subsection (d) of
59 section 14-12, subsection (f) of section 14-12a, subsection (a) of section
60 14-15a, section 14-16c, 14-20a or 14-27a, subsection (f) of section 14-34a,
61 subsection (d) of section 14-35, section 14-43, 14-44j, 14-49, 14-50a, 14-58
62 or 14-62a, subsection (b) of section 14-66, section 14-66a or 14-67a,
63 subsection (g) of section 14-80, subsection (f) or (i) of section 14-80h,
64 section 14-97a or 14-98, subsection (a), (b) or (d) of section 14-100a,
65 section 14-100b, 14-103a, 14-106a, 14-106c, 14-145a, 14-146, 14-152, 14-
66 153, 14-161 or 14-163b, subsection (f) of section 14-164i, section 14-213b
67 or 14-219, subdivision (1) of section 14-223a, subsection (d) of section 14-
68 224, section 14-240 or 14-250, subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section
69 14-251, section 14-253a, 14-261a, 14-262, 14-264, 14-266, 14-267a, 14-269,
70 14-270, 14-272b, 14-274, 14-275 or 14-275a, subsection (c) of section 14-
71 275c, section 14-276, subsection (a) or (b) of section 14-277, section 14-
72 278, 14-279 or 14-280, subsection (b), (e) or (h) of section 14-283, section
73 14-283d, 14-283e, 14-283f, 14-283g, 14-289l, 14-291, 14-293b, 14-296aa, 14-
74 298a, 14-300, 14-300d, 14-300f, 14-319, 14-320, 14-321, 14-325a, 14-326, 14-
75 330 or 14-332a, subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of section 14-386a, section 15-
76 15e, 15-25 or 15-33, subdivision (1) of section 15-97, subsection (a) of
77 section 15-115, section 16-15, 16-16, 16-44, 16-256e, 16-278 or 16a-15,
78 subsection (a) of section 16a-21, section 16a-22, subsection (a) or (b) of
79 section 16a-22h, section 16a-106, 17a-24, 17a-145, 17a-149 or 17a-152,
80 subsection (b) of section 17a-227, section 17a-465, subsection (c) of
81 section 17a-488, section 17b-124, 17b-131, 17b-137, 19a-33, 19a-39 or 19a-

82 87, subsection (b) of section 19a-87a, section 19a-91, 19a-102a, 19a-102b,
83 19a-105, 19a-107, 19a-113, 19a-215, 19a-216a, 19a-219, 19a-222, 19a-224,
84 19a-286, 19a-287, 19a-297, 19a-301, 19a-309, 19a-335, 19a-336, 19a-338,
85 19a-339, 19a-340, 19a-425, 19a-442, 19a-502, 19a-565, 20-7a, 20-14, 20-
86 153a, 20-158, 20-231, 20-233, 20-249, 20-257, 20-265, 20-324e, 20-329c or
87 20-329g, subsection (b) of section 20-334, section 20-341l, 20-366, 20-482,
88 20-597, 20-608, 20-610, 20-623, 21-1, 21-38, 21-39, 21-43, 21-47, 21-48 or
89 21-63, subsection (d) of section 21-71, section 21-76a or 21-100,
90 subsection (c) of section 21a-2, subdivision (1) of section 21a-19, section
91 21a-20 or 21a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 21a-25,
92 section 21a-26, subsection (a) of section 21a-37, section 21a-46, 21a-61,
93 21a-63, 21a-70b or 21a-77, subsection (b) or (c) of section 21a-79, section
94 21a-85 or 21a-154, subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-159,
95 section 21a-278b, subsection (c), (d) or (e) of section 21a-279a, section
96 21a-415a, 21a-421eee, 21a-421fff or 21a-421hhh, subsection (a) of section
97 21a-430, section 22-12b, 22-13, 22-14, 22-15, 22-16, 22-26g, 22-30, 22-34,
98 22-35, 22-36, 22-38, 22-39, 22-39f, 22-49, 22-54, 22-61j or 22-61l,
99 subdivision (1) of subsection (n) of section 22-61l, subsection (f) of
100 section 22-61m, subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of section 22-61m,
101 section 22-84, 22-89, 22-90, 22-96, 22-98, 22-99, 22-100 or 22-111o,
102 subsection (d) of section 22-118l, section 22-167, subsection (c) of section
103 22-277, section 22-278, 22-279, 22-280a, 22-318a, 22-320h, 22-324a or 22-
104 326, subsection (b), subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (e) or subsection
105 (g) of section 22-344, subsection (a) or (b) of section 22-344b, subsection
106 (d) of section 22-344d, section 22-344f, 22-350a, 22-354, 22-359, 22-366,
107 22-391, 22-413, 22-414, 22-415, 22-415c, 22a-66a or 22a-246, subsection (a)
108 of section 22a-250, section 22a-256g, subsection (e) of section 22a-256h,
109 section 22a-363, [or] subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of subsection
110 (d) of section 22-364, as amended by this act, section 22a-381d,
111 subsections (c) and (d) of section 22a-381e, section 22a-449, 22a-450, 22a-
112 461, 23-4b, 23-38, 23-45, 23-46 or 23-61b, subsection (a) or subdivision (1)
113 of subsection (c) of section 23-65, section 25-37 or 25-40, subsection (a) of
114 section 25-43, section 25-43d, 25-135, 26-18, 26-19, 26-21, 26-31, 26-40, 26-
115 40a, 26-42, 26-43, 26-49, 26-54, 26-55, 26-56, 26-58 or 26-59, subdivision

116 (1) of subsection (d) of section 26-61, section 26-64, subdivision (1) of
117 section 26-76, section 26-79, 26-87, 26-89, 26-91, 26-94, 26-97, 26-98, 26-
118 104, 26-105, 26-107, 26-114a, 26-117, subsection (b) of section 26-127, 26-
119 128, 26-128a, 26-131, 26-132, 26-138, 26-139 or 26-141, subdivision (1) of
120 section 26-186, section 26-207, 26-215, 26-217 or 26-224a, subdivision (1)
121 of section 26-226, section 26-227, 26-230, 26-231, 26-232, 26-244, 26-257a,
122 26-260, 26-276, 26-280, 26-284, 26-285, 26-286, 26-287, 26-288, 26-290, 26-
123 291a, 26-292, 26-294, 27-107, 28-13, 29-6a, 29-16, 29-17, 29-25, 29-143o, 29-
124 143z or 29-156a, subsection (b), (d), (e), (g) or (h) of section 29-161q,
125 section 29-161y or 29-161z, subdivision (1) of section 29-198, section 29-
126 210, 29-243 or 29-277, subsection (c) of section 29-291c, section 29-316 or
127 29-318, subsection (b) of section 29-335a, section 29-381, 30-19f, 30-48a or
128 30-86a, subsection (b) of section 30-89, subsection (c) or (d) of section 30-
129 117, section 31-3, 31-10, 31-11, 31-12, 31-13, 31-14, 31-15, 31-16, 31-18, 31-
130 23, 31-24, 31-25, 31-32, 31-36, 31-47 or 31-48, subsection (b) of section 31-
131 48b, section 31-51, 31-51g, 31-52, 31-52a, 31-53 or 31-54, subsection (a) or
132 (c) of section 31-69, section 31-70, 31-74, 31-75, 31-76, 31-76a, 31-89b or
133 31-134, subsection (i) of section 31-273, section 31-288, 31-348, 33-624, 33-
134 1017, 34-13d or 34-412, subdivision (1) of section 35-20, subsection (a) of
135 section 36a-57, subsection (b) of section 36a-665, section 36a-699, 36a-
136 739, 36a-787, 38a-2 or 38a-140, subsection (a) or (b) of section 38a-278,
137 section 38a-479qq, 38a-479rr, 38a-506, 38a-548, 38a-626, 38a-680, 38a-713,
138 38a-733, 38a-764, 38a-786, 38a-828, 38a-829, 38a-885, 42-133hh, 42-470 or
139 42-480, subsection (a) or (c) of section 43-16q, section 45a-283, 45a-450,
140 45a-634 or 45a-658, subdivision (13) or (14) of section 46a-54, section 46a-
141 59, 46a-81b, 46b-22, 46b-24, 46b-34, 46b-38d, 47-34a, 47-47 or 47-53,
142 subsection (i) of section 47a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (k) of
143 section 47a-21, section 49-2a, 49-8a, 49-16, 52-143 or 52-289, subsection
144 (j) of section 52-362, section 53-133, 53-199, 53-212a, 53-249a, 53-252, 53-
145 264, 53-280, 53-290a, 53-302a, 53-303e, 53-311a, 53-314, 53-321, 53-322, 53-
146 323 or 53-331, subsection (b) of section 53-343a, section 53-344,
147 subsection (b) or (c) of section 53-344b, subsection (b) of section 53-345a,
148 section 53-377, 53-422 or 53-450 or subsection (i) of section 54-36a, or (2)
149 a violation under the provisions of chapter 268, or (3) a violation of any

150 regulation adopted in accordance with the provisions of section 12-484,
151 12-487 or 13b-410, or (4) a violation of any ordinance, regulation or
152 bylaw of any town, city or borough, except violations of building codes,
153 the health code or an ordinance described in subdivision (5) of this
154 subsection, for which the penalty exceeds ninety dollars but does not
155 exceed two hundred fifty dollars, unless such town, city or borough has
156 established a payment and hearing procedure for such violation
157 pursuant to section 7-152c, or (5) a violation of any ordinance adopted
158 by a town, city or borough pursuant to section 14-224a, 14-390 or 14-
159 390m for which the penalty does not exceed two thousand dollars,
160 unless such town, city or borough has established a payment and
161 hearing procedure for such violation pursuant to section 7-152c, shall
162 follow the procedures set forth in this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	22-364
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	51-164n(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To enhance penalties for unlawfully permitting a dog to roam at large.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]