

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

House Bill No. 219 by Representative St. Germain

CRIME: Creates the crime of illegally restraining a dog

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Changed the elements of the crime to provide that it is unlawful to tie, tether, or restrain any animal in a manner that is inhumane, cruel, or detrimental to its welfare.
2. Removed language regarding the length of time a dog is restrained.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Proposed law provides that it shall be unlawful to tie, tether, or restrain any animal in a manner that is inhumane, cruel, or detrimental to its welfare.

Proposed law provides that it shall not apply to any of the following:

- (1) Accepted veterinary practices.
- (2) Activities carried on for scientific or medical research governed by accepted standards.
- (3) A dog restrained to a running line, pulley, or trolley system and is not restrained to the running line, pulley, or trolley system by means of a pinch-type, prong-type, choke-type, or improperly fitted collar.
- (4) A dog restrained in compliance with the requirements of a camping or recreational area as defined by a federal, state, or local authority or jurisdiction.
- (5) A dog restrained while the owner is engaged in, or actively training for, an activity that is conducted pursuant to a valid license issued by this state if the activity for which the license is issued is associated with the use or presence of a dog.
- (6) A dog restrained while the owner is engaged in conduct directly related to the business of shepherding or herding cattle or livestock.
- (7) A dog restrained while the owner is engaged in conduct directly related to the business of cultivating agricultural products if the restraint is reasonably necessary for the safety of the dog.
- (8) A dog being restrained and walked with a hand-held leash regardless of the type of collar being used.

Proposed law provides a penalty of a fine of not more than \$300.

(Adds R.S. 14:102.24)