
DIGEST

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HB No. 155

Abstract: Amends negligent injuring and negligent homicide to include injury or death caused by dogs or other animals.

Present law provides that negligent homicide is the killing of a human being by criminal negligence.

Proposed law retains the provisions of present law and further provides that negligent homicide is the killing of a human being by a dog or other animal when the owner is criminally negligent in confining or restraining the dog or other animal.

Present law provides that negligent injuring is the inflicting of any injury upon the person of another by criminal negligence.

Proposed law retains the provisions of present law and further provides that negligent injuring is the inflicting of any injury upon the person of another by a dog or other animal when the owner is criminally negligent in confining or restraining the dog or other animal.

Proposed law defines "owner", "harboring or keeping", and "livestock".

Proposed law provides exceptions for law enforcement dogs, dogs involved in search and rescue, guide and service dogs, dogs inside a dwelling, place of business, or motor vehicle who attack a person who is attempting or who has made an unlawful entry, and attacks made by livestock.

(Amends R.S. 14:32(A) and 39; Adds R.S. 14:32(C)(3), (D), and (E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill.

1. Adds exceptions for law enforcement dogs, dogs involved in search and rescue, guide and service dogs, dogs inside a dwelling, place of business, or motor vehicle who attack a person who is attempting or who has made an unlawful entry, and attacks by livestock.
2. Adds definitions of "owner", "harboring or keeping", and "livestock".
3. Adds, as an element of negligent homicide and negligent injuring, criminal negligence in confining or restraining the dog or other animal.
4. Provides that the Act also be named after Michael "Blaise" Landry.