

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2025 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/SB 150 — Abandoning Restrained Dogs During Natural Disasters

by Criminal Justice Committee; and Senator Gaetz, Arrington, Garcia, Avila, Davis, and Ingoglia

The bill, which names the act “Trooper’s Law”, creates a new crime when any person restrains a dog outside during a natural disaster and thereafter abandons the dog. This offense is a third degree felony, punishable by five years in prison, or a fine of not more than \$10,000 dollars or both.

“Natural disaster” is defined as a situation in which a hurricane, tropical storm, or tornado warning has been issued for a municipality or a county by the National Weather Service, or in which a municipality or county is under a mandatory or voluntary evacuation order.

“Restraint” is defined as a chain, rope, tether, leash, cable, or other device that attaches an animal to a stationary object or trolley system.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor’s signature, these provisions take effect October 1, 2025.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 109-0