

By Representative Laurent

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to culpable negligence;
 3 amending s. 784.05, F.S.; providing that a
 4 person commits the offense of exposing another
 5 to personal injury through culpable negligence,
 6 when such person knowingly has permitted the
 7 person's dog to run at large as a "pack of
 8 dogs," as defined, and the pack of dogs
 9 inflicts significant personal injury; providing
 10 penalties; providing that a person commits the
 11 offense of exposing another to personal injury
 12 through culpable negligence when such person
 13 knowingly has permitted the person's dog to run
 14 at large as a pack of dogs and the death of any
 15 person occurs from injury inflicted by the pack
 16 of dogs; providing penalties; providing an
 17 effective date.

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 19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 21 Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section 784.05,
 22 Florida Statutes, to read:

23 784.05 Culpable negligence.--

24 (5) A person who violates subsection (1) by knowingly
 25 permitting a dog or dogs owned by that person to run at large
 26 as a pack of dogs, commits:

27 (a) If that pack of dogs inflicts significant injury
 28 on any person, a misdemeanor of the first degree punishable as
 29 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083; or

30 (b) If death of any person occurs from injury
 31 inflicted by the pack of dogs, a felony of the third degree,

1 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.
2 775.084.

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4 As used in this subsection, the term "pack of dogs" means more
5 than two dogs engaged in the same activity.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 1997,
7 and shall apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

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10 HOUSE SUMMARY

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12 another to personal injury through culpable negligence,
13 when such person knowingly has permitted the person's dog
14 to run at large as a "pack of dogs," as defined, and the
15 pack of dogs inflicts significant personal injury.
16 Provides first-degree misdemeanor penalties.

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18 another to personal injury through culpable negligence
19 when such person knowingly has permitted the person's dog
20 to run at large as a pack of dogs and the death of any
21 person occurs from injury inflicted by the pack of dogs.
22 Provides third-degree felony penalties.

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