

By Representative Ritter

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Broward County; authorizing
3 each municipality within the county to adopt an
4 ordinance regulating in public places the
5 control and confinement of certain dogs;
6 providing an effective date.

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8 WHEREAS, there have been numerous incidents of tourists
9 being threatened by pit bulls on public beaches, and

10 WHEREAS, there were 115 pit bull and pit-mix bites in
11 Broward County in 1999 alone, and

12 WHEREAS, the number of attacks by these breeds far
13 exceeds those of other breeds, and

14 WHEREAS, there is concern for the safety of the
15 citizens of Broward County and its tourists in public places,
16 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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20 Section 1. Each municipality located within the
21 geographic boundaries of Broward County, Florida, shall have
22 the option of adopting an ordinance regulating the control and
23 confinement of dogs in public places, with the authority for
24 such regulations to be specific to breed, including mixed
25 breeds.

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
27 law.

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