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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to damage by dogs; amending s. 767.11,
3 F.S.; redefining the term "dangerous dog" to exclude
4 dogs trained or used for dog fighting from the term;
5 providing an effective date.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 767.11, Florida
10 Statutes, is amended to read:
11 767.11 Definitions.—As used in this act, unless the context
12 clearly requires otherwise:
13 (1) "Dangerous dog" means any dog that according to the
14 records of the appropriate authority:
15 (a) Has aggressively bitten, attacked, or endangered or has
16 inflicted severe injury on a human being on public or private
17 property;
18 (b) Has more than once severely injured or killed a
19 domestic animal while off the owner's property; or
20 ~~(c) Has been used primarily or in part for the purpose of~~
21 ~~dog fighting or is a dog trained for dog fighting; or~~
22 (c) ~~(d)~~ Has, when unprovoked, chased or approached a person
23 upon the streets, sidewalks, or any public grounds in a menacing
24 fashion or apparent attitude of attack, provided that such
25 actions are attested to in a sworn statement by one or more
26 persons and dutifully investigated by the appropriate authority.
27 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.