
HOUSE BILL 2043

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1 AN ACT Relating to dangerous or potentially dangerous dogs; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 16.08 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 16.08 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The breed of a dog shall not be a determining factor when
7 declaring a dog potentially dangerous or dangerous.

8 (2) A dog may not be considered potentially dangerous or dangerous
9 if the dog's threatening behavior or infliction of injury or damage was
10 sustained by a person who, at the time, was:

11 (a) Committing a willful trespass or other tort upon the premises
12 occupied by the owner of the dog;

13 (b) Tormenting, abusing, or assaulting the dog or has, in the past,
14 been observed or reported to have tormented, abused, or assaulted the
15 dog; or

16 (c) Committing or attempting to commit a crime.

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