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By House Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Dunshee, Lantz, Appleton, Moeller, Williams, Eddy, Roberts, Hudgins, Campbell, Nelson, Sullivan, Upthegrove, Chase, and Simpson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to preventing cruelty to canines; and amending RCW
2 77.15.240.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.15.240 and 1998 c 190 s 30 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) A person is guilty of unlawful use of dogs if the person:

7 (a) Negligently fails to prevent a dog under the person's control
8 from pursuing or injuring deer, elk, or an animal classified as
9 endangered under this title;

10 (b) Uses the dog to hunt deer or elk; (~~or~~)

11 (c) During the closed season for a species of game animal or game
12 bird, negligently fails to prevent the dog from pursuing such animal or
13 destroying the nest of a game bird; or

14 (d) Commands or directs the dog in his or her control to injure or
15 kill a canine for exhibition or entertainment.

16 (2) Unlawful use of dogs is a misdemeanor. A dog that is the basis
17 for a violation of this section may be declared a public nuisance.

1 (3) For the purpose of this section, "canine" means the members of
2 the taxonomical family Canidae that are coyotes, foxes, and wolves.

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