
HOUSE BILL 1150

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By Representatives Williams, Simpson, Upthegrove, Ormsby, Campbell,
and Goodman

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1 AN ACT Relating to civil remedies for damages to a companion
2 animal; and amending RCW 4.24.320.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 4.24.320 and 2005 c 419 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Any person who suffers damage to livestock as a result of
7 actions described in RCW 16.52.205 ((~~or~~)), any owner of livestock who
8 suffers damage as a result of a willful, unauthorized act described in
9 RCW 9A.56.080 or 9A.56.083, or any owner of a companion animal who
10 suffers damage as a result of actions described in RCW 16.52.205 may
11 bring an action against the person or persons committing the act in a
12 court of competent jurisdiction for exemplary damages up to three times
13 the actual damages sustained, plus attorney's fees.

14 (2) As used in this section((~~r~~)):

15 (a) "Companion animal" means any nonhuman mammal, bird, reptile,
16 fish, or amphibian, that is lawfully owned or possessed and is under
17 the care, custody, or ownership of a person, but does not include any
18 animal raised solely for meat production, production of products from

1 the animal, or breeding purposes, nor does it include any wildlife as
2 defined by RCW 77.08.010, nor any animal regulated under federal law as
3 a research animal.

4 (b) "Livestock" means the animals specified in RCW 9A.56.080.

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