

SENATE FILE NO. SF0114

Animal control.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Martin and Cooper and
Representative(s) Blake and Roscoe

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to animal control; extending provisions for
2 dogs running at large to all animals; modifying
3 requirements for offenses of animals running at large;
4 modifying the quarantine term; extending the county dog
5 license fee to all animals; and providing for an effective
6 date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-31-301(c), (e) and (h) is amended
11 to read:

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13 **11-31-301. Public nuisance; notice; penalties; rules**
14 **and regulations; animal control districts and officers.**

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1 (c) Upon the filing of any complaint, the county
2 sheriff may arrest or issue a summons to the owner of any
3 animal which is running at large or has attacked a person
4 or other animal. A first conviction is punishable by a fine
5 of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00). Each subsequent
6 conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than one
7 hundred dollars (\$100.00).

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9 (e) Any ~~dog~~ animal attacking any person in a vicious
10 manner or that bites any person may be impounded by the
11 county sheriff or animal control officer and held in
12 quarantine for ~~at least fifteen (15) days and not more than~~
13 ~~twenty (20) days~~ as long as necessary after the attack to
14 determine whether the ~~dog~~ animal has any disease which may
15 be communicated to humans. ~~, except that no dog shall be~~
16 ~~quarantined if the dog's owner or custodian presents a~~
17 ~~valid rabies vaccination certificate showing the dog has~~
18 ~~been vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian.~~
19 The costs of impoundment, quarantine and testing shall be
20 paid by the owner or custodian of the ~~dog~~ animal. Any ~~dog~~
21 animal which attacks any person in a vicious manner may be
22 destroyed or the owner or custodian of the ~~dog~~ animal may
23 be fined not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00), or
24 both. Proof of the fact that the ~~dog~~ animal has bitten or

1 attacked any person at any place where a person is legally
2 entitled to be is evidence that the ~~dog~~animal is vicious
3 within the meaning of this section. A copy of any animal
4 control officer report regarding the animal bite shall be
5 submitted to the state health officer.

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7 (h) A board of county commissioners may require an
8 annual county license or tag for ~~dogs~~animals within their
9 jurisdiction upon payment of a fee of not more than five
10 dollars (\$5.00). Funds collected pursuant to this
11 subsection may be used for ~~dog~~animal control or for the
12 maintenance of ~~dog~~animal control centers for either
13 purpose.

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15 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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17 (END)