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Representative Steve R. Christiansen proposes the following substitute bill:

CANINE INJURY AMENDMENTS

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Steve R. Christiansen

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to liability for an injury caused by a dog.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ provides that a person is not liable for an injury or death caused by the person's dog to another animal in certain circumstances; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

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Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

18-1-1, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 92

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **18-1-1** is amended to read:

18-1-1. Liability and damages for dog injury -- Exceptions.

~~{ (1) As used in this section, "injury" means physical injury or death.~~

~~{ (1) (2) }~~ (a) Except as provided in [~~Subsection (2)~~] Subsections ~~(3) (2)~~ and ~~(4) (3)~~, a person who owns or keeps a dog is liable for an injury caused by the dog, regardless of whether:

- (i) the dog is vicious or mischievous; or
- (ii) the owner knows the dog is vicious or mischievous.

(b) Damages for an injury described in Subsection ~~{ (1) (2) }~~ (a) shall be determined in accordance with Section 78B-5-818.

~~{ (2) (3) }~~ Neither the state nor any county, city, metro township, or town in the state nor any peace officer employed by the state, a county, a city, a metro township, or a town shall be liable in damages for an injury caused by a dog, if:

- (a) the dog has been trained to assist in law enforcement; and
- (b) the injury occurs while the dog is reasonably and carefully being used in the apprehension, arrest, or location of a suspected offender or in maintaining or controlling the public order.

~~{ (4) (3) }~~ A person who owns or keeps a dog is not liable for an injury **or death** caused by the dog if:

- (a) the injury **or death** is to another animal;
- (b) the injury **or death** occurs:
 - (i) on the person's private property; and
 - (ii) while the dog is reasonably secured; and

(c) the ~~{ injured }~~ animal **described in Subsection (3)(a)** entered the person's private property without consent.