

Amend SB 554 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 822.041, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subdivision (2) and adding Subdivision (3-a) to read as follows:

(2) "Dangerous dog" means a dog that:

(A) makes an unprovoked attack on a person that causes bodily injury and occurs in a place other than an enclosure in which the dog was being kept and that was reasonably certain to prevent the dog from leaving the enclosure on its own; ~~[or]~~

(B) commits unprovoked acts in a place other than an enclosure in which the dog was being kept and that was reasonably certain to prevent the dog from leaving the enclosure on its own and those acts cause a person to reasonably believe that the dog will attack and cause bodily injury to that person; or

(C) is a pit bull breed of dog.

(3-a) "Pit bull breed of dog" means any Staffordshire bull terrier, American Staffordshire terrier, American pit bull terrier, or any mixed breed of dog that exhibits distinguishing characteristics that substantially conform to the American Kennel Club or United Kennel Club standards for those breeds.

SECTION _____. Section 822.042(g), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(g) For purposes of this section, a person learns that the person is the owner of a dangerous dog when:

(1) the owner knows of an attack described in Section 822.041(2)(A) or (B);

(2) the owner receives notice that a justice court, county court, or municipal court has found that the dog is a dangerous dog under Section 822.0423; ~~[or]~~

(3) the owner is informed by the animal control authority that the dog is a dangerous dog under Section 822.0421; or

(4) the person acquires a pit bull breed of dog.

SECTION _____. Section 822.0421(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) If a person reports an incident described by Section

822.041(2)(A) or (B), the animal control authority may investigate the incident. If, after receiving the sworn statements of any witnesses, the animal control authority determines the dog is a dangerous dog, it shall notify the owner of that fact.

SECTION _____. Section 822.0422(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A person may report an incident described by Section 822.041(2)(A) or (B) to a municipal court, a justice court, or a county court. The owner of the dog shall deliver the dog to the animal control authority not later than the fifth day after the date on which the owner receives notice that the report has been filed. The authority may provide for the impoundment of the dog in secure and humane conditions until the court orders the disposition of the dog.