

HCS HB 176 -- ADEQUATE CONTROL OF ANIMALS

SPONSOR: Wright (Cox)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on Emerging Issues in Animal Agriculture by a vote of 11 to 0.

This substitute creates the crime of failure to adequately control an animal if the owner intentionally or recklessly fails to adequately control his or her animal and the animal bites or causes physical injury to a person. Anyone committing this crime will be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill changes the provisions regarding animal neglect and animal control, which are currently in the same section, to create separate offenses in different sections of Chapter 578, RSMo.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Cox; and Missouri Family Network.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.