

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 297
100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapters 67 and 578, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to dogs.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapters 67 and 578, RSMo, are amended by adding thereto two new
2 sections, to be known as sections 67.142 and 578.010, to read as follows:

**67.142. 1. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit in any manner the
2 authority of any village; town; city, including home rule city; or county to prohibit dogs
3 from running at large or to further control or regulate dogs within its boundaries,
4 provided that no such ordinance, order, policy, or regulation is specific to breed.**

**2. The general assembly hereby occupies and preempts the entire field of legislation
5 regarding in any way the control or regulation of specific breeds of dogs to the complete
6 exclusion of any order, ordinance, policy, or regulation by any village; town; city, including
7 any home rule city; or county in this state. Any existing or future order, ordinance, policy,
8 or regulation in this field is or shall be null and void.**

**578.010. A person is guilty of animal neglect if he or she has custody or ownership
2 of a canine and fails to provide adequate control. A person is guilty of animal abuse if he
3 or she has custody or ownership of a canine and knowingly fails to provide adequate
4 control which results in substantial harm to the animal, another animal, or a human.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.