
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 1890 Session of
1977

INTRODUCED BY MILLIRON, CASSIDY AND D. R. WRIGHT,
NOVEMBER 21, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, NOVEMBER 21, 1977

AN ACT

1 Relating to the liability of the owner of a dog to respond in
2 damages for acts of his dog in certain cases.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. (a) The owner of any dog which shall bite a
6 person while such person is on or in a public place, or lawfully
7 on or in a private place, including the property of the owner of
8 the dog, shall be liable for all such damages to the person or
9 property resulting from the dog's attack as may be suffered by
10 the person bitten, regardless of the former viciousness of such
11 dog or the owner's knowledge of such viciousness.

12 (b) For the purpose of this act a person is lawfully upon
13 the private property of such owner when he is on the property in
14 the performance of any duty imposed upon him by the laws of this
15 State or the laws or postal regulations of the United States, or
16 when he is on such property upon the invitation, express or
17 implied, of the owner thereof.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.