

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1404 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY LAUGHLIN, KAISER, MELIO, MIHALICH, VEON, TRELLO,  
REBER, JAMES, COLAFELLA, E. Z. TAYLOR, FAJT, CAWLEY AND  
BELARDI, APRIL 27, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,  
APRIL 27, 1993

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 11, 1917 (P.L.818, No.317), entitled  
2 "An act relating to dogs, and the protection of livestock and  
3 poultry from damage by dogs; providing for the licensing of  
4 dogs; regulating the keeping of dogs, and authorizing their  
5 destruction in certain cases; providing for the protection of  
6 licensed dogs, and for dogs temporarily imported for trial,  
7 show, and breeding purposes; prescribing certain privileges  
8 for hunting dogs, and dogs owned or used by the Board of Game  
9 Commissioners; providing for the assessment of damages done  
10 by dogs, and payment thereof by the proper county to the  
11 owners of livestock and poultry, and of damages to licensed  
12 dogs; imposing powers and duties on certain State, county,  
13 city, borough, town, and township officers and employes, and  
14 on city councils of cities of the first and second class; and  
15 providing penalties," providing for reports relating to  
16 certain dogs.

17 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
18 hereby enacts as follows:

19 Section 1. The act of July 11, 1917 (P.L.818, No.317), known  
20 as the Dog Law of One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen, is  
21 amended by adding a section to read:

22 Section 15.1. A police officer or a veterinarian aware of a  
23 dog that has bitten any person shall produce a written report  
24 concerning the circumstances of the incident and file it with

1 the police in the municipality where the owner of the dog  
2 resides, if the name and municipality of residence of the owner  
3 is known. The report shall be available for public inspection  
4 for a dog owner against whom two or more reports of separate  
5 incidents of dog bites have been reported.

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