

ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 144

Introduced by McDonald, 41;

PURPOSE: To examine issues relating to dangerous dogs in Nebraska. Dangerous dogs have become a serious and widespread threat to the safety and welfare of Nebraskans. Regulation and control of dangerous dogs is a statewide problem which may require legislative intervention to address the significant public health and safety threat posed by dangerous dogs.

The Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall conduct a review of the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. sections 54-601 to 54-624 to determine whether Nebraska laws provide the public with reasonable and adequate protection from dangerous dogs. Issues to be examined include, but are not limited to:

(1) A review of the definitions in sections 54-601 to 54-624 to determine accuracy and clarity;

(2) A review of enforcement mechanisms for such statutes to determine the responsibility for and effectiveness of enforcement;

(3) A review of criminal penalties for owners of dangerous dogs;

(4) A review of civil liability requirements for injuries, emotional distress, and property loss caused by dangerous dogs;

(5) A review of the feasibility of liability insurance requirements for owners of dangerous dogs;

(6) A review of the feasibility of permit and inspection requirements for owners of dangerous dogs; and

(7) A review of state statutes to determine what, if any, statutory changes are necessary to regulate and control dangerous dogs and preserve public health and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.