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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 892**

Introduced by Howard, 9; Chambers, 11; Wishart, 27.

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Committee: Judiciary

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to offenses against animals; to prohibit
- 2       restraining animals in the event of certain natural or manmade
- 3       disasters or severe weather events as prescribed; and to provide a
- 4       penalty.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1.   (1) No animal shall be restrained with a chain, rope,  
2 cord, tether, cable, or similar device and left unsheltered or unattended  
3 in the event of a severe weather event or natural or manmade disaster  
4 including, but not limited to, during a tornado warning issued for the  
5 jurisdiction by the National Weather Service or after a mandatory or  
6 voluntary evacuation order has been issued for the jurisdiction by a  
7 government authority.

8           (2) For purposes of this section:

9           (a) Animal has the same meaning as in section 28-1008; and

10          (b) Severe weather event means the existence of severe climatic  
11 conditions creating rain, hail, sleet, snow, high winds, extremely high  
12 or low temperatures, or any combination thereof that would make restraint  
13 of an animal as described in subsection (1) of this section unsafe.

14          (3) Any person who violates this section is guilty of a Class I  
15 misdemeanor.