

JUDICIARY

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the confinement for biting of a police service
2 dog used by police or correctional officers.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 351.39, Code 2001, is amended to read
2 as follows:
3 351.39 CONFINEMENT.
4 ~~When~~ If a local board of health receives information that
5 ~~any-person-has-been-bitten-by~~ an animal has bitten a person or
6 that a dog or animal is suspected of having rabies, ~~it~~ the
7 board shall order the owner to confine such animal in the
8 manner it directs. If the owner fails to confine such animal
9 in the manner directed, the animal shall be apprehended and
10 impounded by such board, and after two weeks the board may
11 humanely destroy the animal. If such animal is returned to
12 its owner, the owner shall pay the cost of impoundment. This
13 section shall not apply to a police service dog as defined in
14 section 717B.9.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill relates to the confinement for biting of a police
17 service dog used by police or correctional officers.
18 The bill provides that the local board of health does not
19 have the authority to order the owner of a police service dog
20 to confine the dog if the dog bites a person or is suspected
21 of having rabies.

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