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SENATE FILE 347
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a criminal offense for allowing a dog to run at
2 large after the dog caused physical injury and providing a
3 penalty.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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SF 347 JUDICIARY

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 351.44 CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR
2 DOG FOUND TO HAVE CAUSED PHYSICAL INJURY -- RUNNING AT LARGE.

3 1. A person who owns or has charge of a dog and who allows
4 the dog to run at large after the dog has been found by a
5 court to have caused physical injury to another is guilty of a
6 serious misdemeanor.

7 2. For the purposes of this section, "at large" means a
8 dog which is not confined on the property of the owner of the
9 dog or on the property of a person who has charge of the dog,
10 in or attached to a motor vehicle, or in a veterinary hospital
11 or kennel, unless the owner or the person who has charge of
12 the dog carries the dog or leads the dog by a leash or chain
13 not exceeding six feet in length.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill creates a criminal offense for a dog owner or a
16 person in charge of a dog who allows the dog to run at large
17 after the dog has been found by a court to have caused
18 physical injury to another. The bill further defines "at
19 large" to refer to a dog who is not confined on the owner's
20 property or property of the person in charge, in or attached
21 to a motor vehicle, or in a veterinary hospital or kennel,
22 unless the owner or the person in charge of the dog carries
23 the dog or leads it by a leash or chain not exceeding six feet
24 in length.

25 A dog owner who violates the bill commits a serious
26 misdemeanor. A serious misdemeanor is punishable by
27 confinement for no more than one year and a fine of at least
28 \$250 but not more than \$1,500.

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