

**CANINE INJURY AMENDMENTS**

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Steve R. Christiansen**

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill amends provisions related to liability for an injury caused by a dog.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

► provides that a person is not liable for an injury caused by the person's dog to another dog in certain circumstances.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**18-1-1**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 92

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **18-1-1** is amended to read:

**18-1-1. Liability and damages for dog injury -- Dogs used in law enforcement.**

(1) (a) Except as provided in ~~Subsection~~ Subsections (2) and (3), a person who owns or keeps a dog is liable for an injury caused by the dog, regardless of whether:

(i) the dog is vicious or mischievous; or



28 (ii) the owner knows the dog is vicious or mischievous.

29 (b) Damages for an injury described in Subsection (1)(a) shall be determined in  
30 accordance with Section 78B-5-818.

31 (2) Neither the state nor any county, city, metro township, or town in the state nor any  
32 peace officer employed by the state, a county, a city, a metro township, or a town shall be liable  
33 in damages for an injury caused by a dog, if:

34 (a) the dog has been trained to assist in law enforcement; and

35 (b) the injury occurs while the dog is reasonably and carefully being used in the  
36 apprehension, arrest, or location of a suspected offender or in maintaining or controlling the  
37 public order.

38 (3) A person who owns or keeps a dog is not liable for an injury caused by the dog if:

39 (a) the injury is to another dog;

40 (b) the injury occurs on the person's private property; and

41 (c) the injured dog entered the person's private property without consent.