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A Bill

SENATE BILL 342

5 By: Senator A. Clark
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ANIMALS; TO AMEND
10 THE LAW CONCERNING INJURIES TO CERTAIN ANIMALS BY
11 DOGS TO AUTHORIZE TREBLE DAMAGES; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING INJURIES TO
17 CERTAIN ANIMALS BY DOGS TO AUTHORIZE
18 TREBLE DAMAGES.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-19-102 is amended to read as follows:

23 20-19-102. Injuries to domesticated animals by dogs – Definition.

24 (a)(1) As used in this section, “domesticated animals” includes, ~~but~~
25 ~~is not limited to,~~ without limitation sheep, goats, cattle, swine, ~~and~~
26 poultry, and other livestock.

27 (2) A person owning or having in possession or under control a
28 dog is liable for damages to the owner or owners of a domesticated animal
29 killed or injured by the dog for the full value of the domesticated animal
30 killed or injured.

31 (b)(1) A person engaged in raising domesticated animals or owning
32 domesticated animals who sustains a loss or damage to any of his or her
33 domesticated animals by a dog has a right of action against the owner,
34 possessor, or controller of the dog.

35 (2) A person knowing that a dog has killed or is about to catch,
36 injure, or kill a domesticated animal has the right to kill the dog, without



1 liability to the owner of the dog.

2 (c)(1) The person sustaining loss or damage under subsection (b) of
3 this section and desiring remuneration may ~~go before~~ file a complaint with
4 the circuit court or district court having jurisdiction where the loss or
5 damage occurred as permitted by the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure and
6 allege the:

7 (A) ~~loss~~ Loss or damage sustained, ~~the;~~

8 (B) ~~value~~ Value of the loss or damage, ~~and the identity;~~

9 and

10 (C) Identity of the dog and the dog's owner, possessor, or
11 controller ~~by filing a complaint with the circuit court or district court~~
12 ~~having jurisdiction as permitted by the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure.~~

13 (2) The circuit court or district court having jurisdiction
14 under subdivision (c)(1) of this section ~~which under the rules may issue;~~

15 (A) Issue a summons to the defendant to appear in the
16 circuit court or district court having jurisdiction and answer the
17 allegations; ~~;~~ and

18 (B) Award the plaintiff treble the damages or loss in
19 subdivision (c)(1)(B) of this section.

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21 /s/A. Clark

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