

CHAPTER 2011-211

Senate Bill No. 722

An act relating to damage by dogs; amending s. 767.11, F.S.; redefining the term “dangerous dog” to exclude dogs trained or used for dog fighting from the term; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 767.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

767.11 Definitions.—As used in this act, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(1) “Dangerous dog” means any dog that according to the records of the appropriate authority:

(a) Has aggressively bitten, attacked, or endangered or has inflicted severe injury on a human being on public or private property;

(b) Has more than once severely injured or killed a domestic animal while off the owner’s property; or

~~(c) Has been used primarily or in part for the purpose of dog fighting or is a dog trained for dog fighting; or~~

~~(c)~~(d) Has, when unprovoked, chased or approached a person upon the streets, sidewalks, or any public grounds in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack, provided that such actions are attested to in a sworn statement by one or more persons and dutifully investigated by the appropriate authority.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor June 21, 2011.

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