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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 562, L.D. 755, Bill, “An Act To Strengthen the Laws Regarding Dangerous Dogs”

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in paragraph A in the first line (page 1, line 15 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "provided in" the following: 'paragraph C or'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in paragraph B in the last line (page 1, line 25 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or" and inserting the following: 'or a prior finding by the court of being a dangerous dog; or'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in paragraph C in the last 2 lines (page 1, lines 28 and 29 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "outside of a secure enclosure as defined in paragraph A." and inserting the following: 'off the owner's or keeper's premises.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment authorizes the court to order euthanasia if there has been a previous finding that the dog is a dangerous dog. It allows a court to order a dangerous dog to be securely muzzled and restricted by a tether whenever the dog is off the owner's or keeper's premises as an alternative to being kept in a secure enclosure or euthanized.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**