

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 86th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1489

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5 By: Representatives Cooper, Cheatham, Everett, Flowers, Glidewell, Hardwick, Shelby, Woods
6 By: Senator Miller

For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL DOG
11 ATTACK; TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE
12 GENERAL PUBLIC; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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15 TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL DOG
16 ATTACK AND TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND
17 SAFETY OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

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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 Title 5, Chapter 62, Subchapter 1 is amended
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 5-62-125. Unlawful dog attack.

25 (a) A person commits the offense of unlawful dog attack if:

26 (1) The person owns a dog that the person knows or has reason to
27 know has a propensity to attack, cause injury, or endanger the safety of
28 other persons without provocation;

29 (2) The person negligently allows the dog to attack another
30 person; and

31 (3) The attack causes the death of or serious physical injury to
32 the person attacked.

33 (b) The offense of unlawful dog attack is a Class A misdemeanor.

34 (c) In addition to any penalty imposed under this section, the court
35 or jury may require the defendant to pay restitution under § 5-4-205 for any
36 medical bills of the person attacked for injuries caused by the attack.

