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IN THE HOUSE BY MESSRS. JACKSON, ORBECK,  
SHELDON, TAYLOR AND WOLD

HOUSE BILL NO. 126

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to dog control by local  
governments."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

\* Section 1. AS 29.10 is amended by adding a new section to  
read:

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Sec. 29.10.178. CONTROL OF DOGS. In order to control  
dogs, the council may

(1) require dog owners to keep dogs from running  
at large on public streets and other public places;

(2) provide for the destruction of dogs which  
are vicious, dangerous to public health or safety or other-  
wise a public nuisance;

(3) provide for the catching and impounding of  
dogs running at large on public streets and in other public  
places;

(4) require payment of the costs of catching and  
impounding by persons claiming dogs;

(5) provide for the humane destruction or other  
disposition of impounded dogs;

(6) require the inoculation of dogs against  
disease;

(7) take such other action to control dogs by  
ordinance, resolution or otherwise as may be necessary to  
protect and preserve the lives, health, safety and well-being

1 of the public.

2 \* Sec. 2. AS 29.15.160 is amended to read:

3 Sec. 29.15.160. CONTROL OF [IMPOUNDING] ANIMALS. (a)

4 The board of trustees may provide for impounding [DOGS,]  
5 horses [,] and other stock when found running at large  
6 within the incorporated limits of the city in violation of  
7 its ordinances, and may provide for advertising and selling  
8 or destroying the [DOGS,] horses [,] and stock if not re-  
9 deemed by the owner.

10 (b) The board of trustees may control dogs in the  
11 manner provided for first class cities.

12 \* Sec. 3. AS 29.25.250 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 29.25.250. CONTROL [IMPOUNDING AND DISPOSAL] OF  
14 DOGS. The council may control dogs in the manner provided  
15 for first class cities, in addition to exercising authority  
16 to destroy loose dogs as provided in AS 18.75.040 [PROVIDE  
17 FOR THE IMPOUNDING AND DISPOSAL OF DOGS].

18 \* Sec. 4. AS 07.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

19 Sec. 07.15.360. DOG CONTROL. (a) The first and  
20 second class borough may provide for areawide dog control  
21 and may do so in the manner provided for first class cities.  
22 Upon adoption of an ordinance to provide for areawide dog  
23 control, no general law or home rule city within the borough  
24 may exercise the power of dog control, unless the ordinance  
25 provides otherwise or the borough by subsequent ordinance  
26 ceases to exercise the power. The exercise of the areawide  
27 power is at the option of the borough and is not subject  
28 to the restrictions on acquiring additional areawide powers  
29 specified in sec. 350 of this chapter.

1 \* Sec. 5. AS 07.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

2       Sec. 07.15.723<sup>✓</sup> DOG CONTROL. The second class borough  
3 may provide for dog control in the area outside cities and  
4 may do so in the manner provided for first class cities.  
5 The exercise of the power of dog control in the area outside  
6 cities is at the option of the borough and is not subject  
7 to the restrictions on acquiring additional powers specified  
8 in secs. 720 and 730 - 800 of this chapter.

9 \* Sec. 6. AS 18.75.010 is amended to read:

10       Sec. 18.75.010<sup>✓</sup>. EXTENSION OF DOG CONTROL ORDINANCES.  
11 The provisions of a dog control ordinance enacted by a city  
12 of any class or a village, whether incorporated or not,  
13 shall be imposed in the total area within 20 miles of the  
14 limits of that city or village, unless the city or village  
15 is within a borough which has a dog control ordinance in  
16 force within the area. If a given area lies within 20 miles  
17 of two or more cities or villages with conflicting dog con-  
18 trol ordinances, the provisions of the dog control ordinance  
19 of the city having the largest population prevails as to the  
20 overlapping area, unless a borough dog control ordinance is  
21 in force within the area.

22 \* Sec. 7. AS 18.75.020 is amended to read:

23       Sec. 18.75.020. DOG TAGS. The owner of a dog not  
24 licensed by a [MUNICIPALITY OR OTHER] political subdivision  
25 of the state shall pay a registration fee of one dollar to  
26 the Department of Revenue and in return shall receive from  
27 the department a metal tag stamped with a number. The num-  
28 ber shall correspond with the name of the owner and shall  
29 be entered in a registration book kept for that purpose by

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the department. The owner of the dog shall affix the metal tag to a collar on the dog so registered. A dog running at large without a collar and tag is considered not to have an owner and may be destroyed by a peace officer.

\* Sec. 8. AS 18.75.040 is amended to read:

Sec. 18.75.040. ✓ POWER OF VILLAGE COUNCIL TO DESTROY LOOSE DOGS. A village council duly elected by village residents may destroy loose dogs in the village and may otherwise control dogs to the extent authorized first class cities in AS 29.10.178, whether the village is incorporated or not.

\* Sec. 9. The following laws are repealed: AS 29.10.177; AS 03.55.040 ✓ - 03.55.060. ✓

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