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BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 331

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to dog control by local
7 governments."
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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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

12 Sec. 29.10.178. CONTROL OF DOGS. (a) In order to
13 control dogs, the council may

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

16 (2) provide for the destruction of dogs which are
17 vicious, dangerous to public health or safety or otherwise a
18 public nuisance;

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

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

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

26 (6) require the inoculation of dogs against
27 disease;
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1 (7) take such other action to control dogs by
2 ordinance, resolution or otherwise as may be necessary to
3 protect and preserve the lives, health, safety and well-
4 being of the public.

5 (b) The council may impose and enforce the provisions
6 of a dog control ordinance of the city in the total area
7 within 20 miles of the limits of the city, unless the city
8 is within an organized borough. The ordinance must describe
9 generally the area outside the city in which it is imposed.
10 If the boundaries of a city lie within 40 miles of the
11 boundaries of another city, the extraterritorial jurisdic-
12 tion of each city terminates at a point equidistant from
13 their respective boundaries.
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16 * Sec. 2. AS 29.15.160 is amended to read:

17 Sec. 29.15.160. CONTROL OF [IMPOUNDING] ANIMALS. (a)
18 The board of trustees may provide for impounding [DOGS,]
19 horses [,] and other stock when found running at large with-
20 in the incorporated limits of the city in violation of its
21 ordinances, and may provide for advertising and selling or
22 destroying the [DOGS,] horses [,] and stock if not redeemed
23 by the owner.
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25 (b) The board of trustees may control dogs in the
26 manner and in the area provided for first class cities.

27 * Sec. 3. AS 29.25.250 is amended to read:

28 Sec. 29.25.250. CONTROL [IMPOUNDING AND DISPOSAL] OF
29 DOGS. The council may control dogs in the manner and in the

1 area provided for first class cities [PROVIDE FOR THE IM-
2 POUNDING AND DISPOSAL OF DOGS].

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

5 Sec. 07.15.360. DOG CONTROL. (a) The first and
6 second class borough may provide for areawide dog control
7 and may do so in the manner provided for first class cities.
8 Upon adoption of an ordinance to provide for areawide dog
9 control, no general law or home rule city within the borough
10 may exercise the power of dog control, unless the ordinance
11 provides otherwise or the borough by subsequent ordinance
12 ceases to exercise the power. The exercise of the areawide
13 power is at the option of the borough and is not subject to
14 the restrictions on acquiring additional areawide powers
15 specified in sec. 350 of this chapter.
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17 * Sec. 5. AS 07.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

18 Sec. 07.15.723. DOG CONTROL. The second class borough
19 may provide for dog control in the area outside cities and
20 may do so in the manner provided for first class cities.
21 The exercise of the power of dog control in the area outside
22 cities is at the option of the borough and is not subject to
23 the restrictions on acquiring additional powers specified in
24 secs. 720 and 730 - 800 of this chapter.
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26 * Sec. 6. AS 18.75.020 is amended to read:

27 Sec. 18.75.020. DOG TAGS. The owner of a dog not
28 licensed by a [MUNICIPALITY OR OTHER] political subdivision
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1 of the state shall pay a registration fee of one dollar to
2 the Department of Revenue and in return shall receive from
3 the department a metal tag stamped with a number. The num-
4 ber shall correspond with the name of the owner and shall be
5 entered in a registration book kept for that purpose by the
6 department. The owner of the dog shall affix the metal tag
7 to a collar on the dog so registered. A dog running at
8 large without a collar and tag is considered not to have an
9 owner and may be destroyed by a peace officer.
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11 * Sec. 7. AS 18.75.040 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 18.75.040 POWER OF VILLAGE COUNCIL TO CONTROL
13 [DESTROY LOOSE] DOGS. (a) A village council duly elected
14 by [VILLAGE] residents of an unincorporated village not with-
15 in an organized borough may destroy loose dogs in the village
16 and may otherwise control dogs to the extent authorized first
17 class cities [, WHETHER THE VILLAGE IS INCORPORATED OR NOT].

18 (b) The council may impose and enforce the provisions
19 of a dog control ordinance in the total area within 20 miles
20 of the village. The ordinance must generally describe the
21 area in which it is imposed. If two villages having dog
22 control ordinances lie within 40 miles of each other, the
23 jurisdiction of each village terminates at a point midway
24 between them.

25 * Sec. 8. If the Legislature enacts into law Senate Bill No.
26 101 or House Bill No. 508 introduced into the Fourth State Legis-
27 lature, or committee substitutes for these bills, whether amended
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1 or not, Secs. 1 through 6 of this Act are void.

2 * Sec. 9. The following laws are repealed: AS 29.10.177;
3 AS 03.55.040 - 03.55.060; AS 18.75.010

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