

SENATE BILL 228

Introduced by Hager

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1 *Senate* BILL NO. *228*  
2 INTRODUCED BY *Hager*  
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING THE KILLING OF  
5 DOGS THAT DESTROY OR MAIM POULTRY; PROHIBITING DOGS FROM  
6 CHASING POULTRY; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 81-7-401 AND  
7 81-7-403, MCA."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

10 **Section 1.** Section 81-7-401, MCA, is amended to read:

11 "81-7-401. Killing of dogs destroying or injuring  
12 stock or poultry -- notice to owner. Any dog, whether  
13 licensed or not, which, while off the premises owned or  
14 under control of its owner, shall kill, wound, or injure any  
15 livestock or poultry not belonging to the master of such the  
16 dog ~~shall-be-deemed is considered~~ to be a public nuisance  
17 and may be killed forthwith by any person, or the owner,  
18 when notified, shall kill such the dog within 24 hours, and  
19 if he fails to do so, an officer may be notified and shall  
20 kill or cause the dog to be killed ~~such--dog~~. Nothing  
21 contained ~~herein-shall-apply in this section applies~~ to any  
22 dog acting under the direction of its master or the agents  
23 or employees of such its master."

24 **Section 2.** Section 81-7-403, MCA, is amended to read:

25 "81-7-403. Dogging livestock or poultry. Any person

1 who permits or directs any dog owned by him or in his  
2 possession to chase or run any cattle, ~~or~~ other livestock,  
3 or poultry of which he is not the owner or the person in  
4 charge upon the open range or government lands or away from  
5 any watering place upon the open range is guilty of a  
6 misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of not more than \$50."

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