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26 27 An act relating to damage by dogs; amending s. 767.11, F.S.; redefining the term "dangerous dog" to exclude dogs trained or used for dog fighting from the term; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 767.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 767.11 Definitions.—As used in this act, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:
- (1) "Dangerous dog" means any dog that according to the records of the appropriate authority:
- (a) Has aggressively bitten, attacked, or endangered or has inflicted severe injury on a human being on public or private property;
- (b) Has more than once severely injured or killed a domestic animal while off the owner's property; or
- (c) Has been used primarily or in part for the purpose of dog fighting or is a dog trained for dog fighting; or
- (c) (d) Has, when unprovoked, chased or approached a person upon the streets, sidewalks, or any public grounds in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack, provided that such actions are attested to in a sworn statement by one or more persons and dutifully investigated by the appropriate authority.
  - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.