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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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12/10/2019	.	
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The Committee on Criminal Justice (Gruters) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Present subsection (6) of section 828.12,
Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (7), and a new
subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

828.12 Cruelty to animals.—

(6) A person who leaves a dog outside and unattended by use
of a restraint during a natural disaster commits animal cruelty,



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11 a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.
12 775.082 or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both. As used
13 in this subsection, the term:

14 (a) "Natural disaster" means a situation in which a
15 hurricane, tropical storm, or tornado warning has been issued
16 for a municipality or a county by the National Weather Service,
17 or the municipality or county is under a mandatory or voluntary
18 evacuation order.

19 (b) "Restraint" means a chain, rope, tether, leash, cable,
20 or other device that attaches a dog to a stationary object or
21 trolley system.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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24 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

25 And the title is amended as follows:

26 Delete everything before the enacting clause
27 and insert:

28 A bill to be entitled
29 An act relating to cruelty to dogs; amending s.
30 828.12, F.S.; prohibiting a person from restraining a
31 dog outside and unattended during a natural disaster;
32 providing a criminal penalty; providing a fine;
33 defining terms; providing an effective date.