

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 296

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HADEN.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 67, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to dogs.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 67, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 67.142, to read as follows:

67.142. 1. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit in any manner the authority of any village; town; city, including any home rule city; or county to prohibit dogs from running at large or to further control or regulate dogs within its boundaries, provided that no such ordinance, order, policy, or regulation is specific to breed.

2. The general assembly hereby occupies and preempts the entire field of legislation regarding in any way the control or regulation of specific breeds of dogs to the complete exclusion of any order, ordinance, policy, or regulation by any village; town; city, including any home rule city; or county in this state. Except as provided in subsection 3 of this section, any existing or future order, ordinance, policy, or regulation in this field shall be null and void.

3. Any village; town; city, including any home rule city; or county with an existing breed-specific order, ordinance, policy, or regulation in effect on or before August 28, 2023, shall have until February 28, 2025, to bring such order, ordinance, policy, or regulation into compliance with this section. After February 28, 2025, all noncompliant breed specific orders, ordinances, policies, and regulations shall be unenforceable.

4. Nothing in this chapter shall infringe the ability of any village; town; city, including any home rule city; or county to enact and enforce a vicious dog order,

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

19 ordinance, policy, or regulation if the order, ordinance, policy, or regulation is not
20 specific to breed.

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