

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 296
102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

0801H.02C

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
2 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
2 authority of any village; town; city, including any home rule city; or county to prohibit
3 dogs from running at large or to further control or regulate dogs within its boundaries,
4 provided that no such ordinance, order, policy, or regulation is specific to breed.**

**5 2. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit in any manner the authority
6 of any village; town; city, including any home rule city; or county to enact and enforce a
7 vicious dog ordinance, order, policy, or regulation, provided that no such ordinance,
8 order, policy, or regulation is specific to breed.**

**9 3. The general assembly hereby occupies and preempts the entire field of
10 legislation regarding in any way the control or regulation of specific breeds of dogs to
11 the complete exclusion of any order, ordinance, policy, or regulation by any village;
12 town; city, including any home rule city; or county in this state, passed, enacted, or
13 adopted after August 28, 2023. Any future order, ordinance, policy, or regulation in this
14 field shall be null and void.**

**15 4. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any village; town; city,
16 including any home rule city; or county with an existing breed-specific order, ordinance,
17 policy, or regulation in effect on or before August 28, 2023.**

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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.