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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

H. F. No. 1087

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Civil Law

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to animals; dogs and cats; establishing liability for attacks by cats;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 347.22.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 347.22, is amended to read:

1.6 **347.22 DAMAGES, OWNER LIABLE.**

1.7 (a) If a dog an animal, without provocation, attacks or injures any person who is  
1.8 acting peaceably in any place where the person may lawfully be, the owner of the ~~dog~~  
1.9 animal is liable in damages to the person so attacked or injured to the full amount of  
1.10 the injury sustained. The term "owner" includes any person harboring or keeping a ~~dog~~  
1.11 the animal but the owner shall be primarily liable. ~~The term "dog" includes both male~~  
1.12 ~~and female of the canine species.~~

1.13 (b) For purposes of this section, "animal" means a dog, wholly or in part of the  
1.14 species Canis familiaris, or a cat, wholly or in part of the species Felis domesticus, and  
1.15 includes both male and female of each species.