



# HOUSE BILL 460: Reporting of Animal Incidents

**This Bill Analysis  
reflects the contents  
of the bill as it was  
presented in  
committee.**

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**SUMMARY:** *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) to House Bill 480 would provide for the reporting of injuries inflicted on humans by domestic or wild animals.*

*The PCS would require the law enforcement agency to forward the report of a domestic or wild mammal bite to the Local Health Director for rabies control measures.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Chapter 67 of the General Statutes regulates dogs, including owner's liability and dangerous dogs.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The bill would allow a person injured by a domestic or wild animal to notify the appropriate local law enforcement agency. If the incident results in death, or the person injured is otherwise unable to make the request, a witness to the incident may notify the appropriate local law enforcement agency.

A law enforcement agency receiving notification shall investigate the incident within 24 hours and make a written report. The law enforcement officer that prepares the report must forward the report to the law enforcement agency. The report may be used as evidence in any civil or criminal trial as permitted by the rules of evidence.

The law enforcement agency will also be required to forward any report of a domestic or wild mammal bite to the Local Health Director for appropriate rabies control measures.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would become effective October 1, 2015, and applies to incidents occurring on or after that date.

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