



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: *House Bill 480 would provide for the reporting of injuries inflicted on humans by domestic or wild animals.*

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.

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

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