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H. F. No. 2686

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to animals; establishing liability for attacks by pets or companion animals;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 347.22.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 347.22, is amended to read:

1.6 **347.22 DAMAGES, OWNER LIABLE.**

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

1.13 (b) For purposes of this section, "pet" or "companion animal" means a nonhuman  
1.14 mammal, bird, or reptile.