

Existing law provides that negligent homicide is the killing of a human being by criminal negligence.

New law retains the provisions of existing law and further provides that negligent homicide is the killing of a human being by a dog or other animal when the owner is reckless and criminally negligent in confining or restraining the dog or other animal.

Existing law provides that negligent injuring is the inflicting of any injury upon the person of another by criminal negligence.

New law retains the provisions of existing law and further provides that negligent injuring is the inflicting of any injury upon the person of another by a dog or other animal when the owner is criminally negligent in confining or restraining the dog or other animal.

New law defines "owner", "harboring or keeping", and "livestock".

New law provides exceptions for law enforcement dogs, dogs involved in search and rescue, guide and service dogs, dogs inside a dwelling, place of business, or motor vehicle who attack a person who is attempting or who has made an unlawful entry, and attacks made by livestock.

New law prohibits the denial of liability insurance coverage when the activity is due to the criminally negligent ownership or handling of a dog pursuant to new law.

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(Amends R.S. 14:32(A) and 39; Adds R.S. 14:32(C)(3), (D), and (E) and R.S. 22:1320)