



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 43

January 26, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives MUSSER, GOETSCH, BOYLE, OTT, GROTHMAN, GROBSCHMIDT and HASENOHRL. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Corrections.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 174.02 (2) (a) and (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** injury caused
2 by a dog and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, if a dog injures a person, domestic animal, property, deer or game bird, the owner of the dog may be required to pay a civil forfeiture. The forfeiture is a minimum of \$50 and a maximum of \$100, except that if the owner knew that the dog had previously caused such injury, the forfeiture is a minimum of \$100 and a maximum of \$500.

This bill increases the maximum forfeiture for a dog causing injury to \$500 if the owner did not know that the dog had previously caused injury. The bill increases the minimum forfeiture to \$200 and the maximum forfeiture to \$1,000 if the owner knew that the dog had previously caused injury.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 174.02 (2) (a) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

4 174.02 (2) (a) *Without notice.* The owner of a dog shall forfeit not less than \$50
5 nor more than ~~\$100~~ \$500 if the dog injures or causes injury to a person, domestic
6 animal, property, deer, game birds or the nests or eggs of game birds.

7 (b) *After notice.* The owner of a dog shall forfeit not less than ~~\$100~~ \$200 nor
8 more than ~~\$500~~ \$1,000 if the dog injures or causes injury to a person, domestic

1 animal, property, deer, game birds or the nests or eggs of game birds, if the owner was
2 notified or knew that the dog previously injured or caused injury to a person,
3 domestic animal, property, deer, game birds or the nests or eggs of game birds.

4 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

5 (1) This act first applies to injury caused by a dog on the effective date of this
6 subsection.

7 (END)