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AN ACT relating to county government; authorizing a board of county commissioners to designate an animal as inherently dangerous and to provide by ordinance for civil liability for a person who violates certain ordinances relating to the control of animals; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** NRS 244.359 is hereby amended to read as follows:

244.359 1. Each board of county commissioners may enact and enforce an ordinance or ordinances:

(a) Fixing, imposing and collecting an annual license fee on dogs and providing for the capture and disposal of all dogs on which the license fee is not paid.

(b) Regulating or prohibiting the running at large and disposal of all kinds of animals.

(c) Establishing a pound, appointing a poundkeeper and prescribing his duties.

(d) Prohibiting cruelty to animals.

*(e) Designating an animal as inherently dangerous and requiring the owner of such an animal to obtain a policy of liability insurance for the animal in an amount determined by the board of county commissioners.*

2. Any ordinance or ordinances enacted pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection 1 may apply throughout an entire county or govern only a limited area within the county which shall be specified in the ordinance or ordinances.

*3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a board of county commissioners may by ordinance provide that the violation of a particular ordinance enacted pursuant to this section imposes a civil liability to the county in an amount not to exceed \$500, instead of a criminal penalty. An ordinance enacted pursuant to this section that creates an offense relating to bites of animals, vicious or dangerous animals, horse tripping or cruelty to animals must impose a criminal penalty for the offense. As used in this subsection, "horse tripping" does not include tripping a horse to provide medical or other health care for the horse.*

**Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.