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SENATE BILL No. 158

DIGEST OF SB 158 (Updated February 11, 2021 12:09 pm - DI 87)

Citations Affected: IC 15-20; IC 16-22.

Synopsis: Ordinance violations. Requires the health and hospital corporation of Marion County to post notice of an ordinance pending final action on the county's Internet web site. Removes a provision allowing a county, city, town, or township impose at a minimum, a penalty that exceeds \$1,000 for failing to secure a wolf hybrid or coy dog. Makes conforming amendments.

Effective: July 1, 2021.

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January 4, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.

January 28, 2021, amended; reassigned to Committee on Local Government.
February 11, 2021, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session of the 122nd General Assembly (2021)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2020 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 15-20-1-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013,
2 SECTION 227, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 5. (a) The following definitions
4 apply throughout this section:
5 (1) "Coydog" means:
6 (A) an animal that is the offspring of a coyote and another
7 animal; or
8 (B) an animal that is the offspring of:
9 (i) an animal that is the offspring of a coyote and another
10 animal; and
11 (ii) another animal.
12 (2) "Secure enclosure" means an outdoor pen that is:
13 (A) roofed or that has sides at least six (6) feet tall; and
14 (B) constructed in such a manner that the type of animal
15 contained within the pen cannot reasonably be expected to
16 escape.
17 (3) "Wolf hybrid" means:

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- 1 (A) an animal that is the offspring of a wolf and another
 2 animal; or
 3 (B) an animal that is the offspring of:
 4 (i) an animal that is the offspring of a wolf and another
 5 animal; and
 6 (ii) another animal.
 7 (b) An owner of a wolf hybrid or coydog shall:
 8 (1) keep the animal in a building or secure enclosure; or
 9 (2) keep the animal:
 10 (A) under the reasonable control of an individual; and
 11 (B) on a leash not more than eight (8) feet in length.
 12 Subject to subsections (c) and (d), an owner who does not comply with
 13 this subsection commits a Class B infraction. An owner who merely
 14 tethers or chains a coydog or wolf hybrid does not comply with this
 15 subsection.
 16 (c) Subject to subsection (d), an owner of a wolf hybrid or coydog
 17 commits a Class B misdemeanor if the owner recklessly, knowingly, or
 18 intentionally fails to comply with subsection (b) and:
 19 (1) the wolf hybrid or coydog enters property other than the
 20 property of the owner; and
 21 (2) the wolf hybrid or coydog causes damage to livestock or the
 22 personal property of another individual.
 23 (d) The offense under subsection (c) is:
 24 (1) a Class A misdemeanor if the owner has one (1) prior
 25 unrelated conviction under this section;
 26 (2) a Level 6 felony if:
 27 (A) the owner has more than one (1) prior unrelated conviction
 28 for a violation under this section; or
 29 (B) the owner knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly fails to
 30 comply with subsection (b) and the failure to comply results in
 31 serious bodily injury to a person; and
 32 (3) a Level 5 felony if the owner knowingly, intentionally, or
 33 recklessly fails to comply with subsection (b) and the failure to
 34 comply results in the death of a person.
 35 (e) Notwithstanding IC 36-1-3-8(a), a unit (as defined in
 36 IC 36-1-2-23) may adopt an ordinance:
 37 (1) prohibiting a person from possessing a wolf hybrid or coydog;
 38 or
 39 (2) imposing:
 40 (A) a penalty of ~~more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000)~~ up to
 41 the limits prescribed in IC 36-1-3-8(a)(10)(B) for a violation
 42 of subsection (b); or



- 1 (B) conditions on the possession of a wolf hybrid or coydog
 2 that are more stringent than the provisions of subsection (b).
 3 SECTION 2. IC 16-22-8-21, AS AMENDED BY P.L.88-2006,
 4 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 5 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 21. (a) Not less than seven (7) days before a
 6 meeting considering the final passage of a proposed ordinance, the
 7 corporation shall publish a notice that the proposed ordinance is
 8 pending final action. The notice must be published:
 9 (1) one (1) time in two (2) newspapers with general circulation in
 10 the county; **and**
 11 **(2) on the county's Internet web site during the notice period.**
 12 Notice of an ordinance establishing a budget must be in accordance
 13 with the general law relating to budgets of first class cities.
 14 (b) The notice must state the following:
 15 (1) The general subject matter of the proposed ordinance.
 16 (2) The time and place of the meeting.
 17 (3) The proposed ordinance is available from the corporation.
 18 (c) The corporation may publish in one (1) notice the general
 19 subject matter of each ordinance pending final action for which notice
 20 has not been given.
 21 (d) An ordinance is not invalid because the reference to the subject
 22 matter of the proposed ordinance was inadequate if the reference is
 23 sufficient to advise the public of the general subject matter.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 158, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

(SEE TEXT OF BILL)

and when so amended that said bill be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Local Government.

(Reference is to SB 158 as introduced.)

BRAY, Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Local Government, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 158, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 3, delete lines 24 through 42.

Delete pages 4 through 5.

Re-number all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 158 as printed January 29, 2021.)

BUCK, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

