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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6122**

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**State of Washington                      62nd Legislature                      2012 Regular Session**

**By Senate Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senator Carrell)**

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/12.

1            AN ACT Relating to unattended pet animals with a choke chain;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 9.08 RCW; adding a new section to  
3 chapter 18.92 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.240 RCW; and  
4 prescribing penalties.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.08 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8            Any person engaged in the business of caring for or medically  
9 treating a pet animal who leaves the animal unattended while the animal  
10 is secured around the neck with a choke chain, and who injures or kills  
11 the pet animal is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable according to  
12 chapter 9A.20 RCW and by a mandatory fine of not less than five hundred  
13 dollars per animal.

14           NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.92 RCW  
15 to read as follows:

16           Any person licensed under this chapter is prohibited from leaving  
17 any pet animal with a choke chain unattended.

1        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 3.**   A new section is added to chapter 18.240 RCW  
2   to read as follows:  
3        Any person licensed under this chapter is prohibited from leaving  
4   any pet animal with a choke chain unattended.

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