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Sponsor(s): Senators Kastama, Kline and Rasmussen

Brief Description: Creating a notice and appeal process for animal control authorities.

**SB 6635 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Provides that any city or county that has a notification and appeal procedure with regard to determining a dog within its jurisdiction to be dangerous may continue to utilize or amend its procedure.

Provides that a city or county animal control authority that does not have a notification and appeal procedure in place as of the effective date of this act, and seeks to declare a dog within its jurisdiction, as defined in this act, to be dangerous must serve notice upon the dog owner in person or by regular and certified mail, return receipt requested.

Provides that if the local jurisdiction has provided for an administrative appeal of the final determination, the owner must follow the appeal procedure set forth by that jurisdiction.

Provides that, if the local jurisdiction has not provided for an administrative appeal, the owner may appeal a municipal authority's final determination that the dog is dangerous to the municipal court, and may appeal a county animal control authority's or county sheriff's final determination that the dog is dangerous to the district court.