

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2783

By COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 7 through 22 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 2. (1) A person commits the offense of unlawful tethering if the person tethers**
3 **a domestic animal in the person’s custody or control:**

4 **“(a) With a tether that is not a reasonable length given the size of the domestic animal**
5 **and available space and that allows the domestic animal to become entangled in a manner**
6 **that risks the health or safety of the domestic animal;**

7 **“(b) With a collar that pinches or chokes the domestic animal when pulled;**

8 **“(c) For more than 10 hours in a 24-hour period; or**

9 **“(d) For more than 15 hours in a 24-hour period if the tether is attached to a running**
10 **line, pulley or trolley system.**

11 **“(2) A person does not violate this section if the person tethers a domestic animal:**

12 **“(a) While the domestic animal remains in the physical presence of the person who owns,**
13 **possesses, controls or otherwise has charge of the domestic animal;**

14 **“(b) Pursuant to the requirements of a campground or other recreational area;**

15 **“(c) For the purpose of engaging in an activity that requires licensure in this state, in-**
16 **cluding but not limited to hunting;**

17 **“(d) To allow the person to transport the domestic animal; or**

18 **“(e) That is a dog kept for herding, protecting livestock or dogsledding.**

19 **“(3) Unlawful tethering is a Class B violation.”.**

20 Delete lines 25 and 26 and insert:

21 **“(1) ‘Adequate bedding’ means bedding of sufficient quantity and quality to permit a domestic**
22 **animal to remain dry and reasonably clean and maintain a normal body temperature.”.**

23 In line 28, delete “an” and insert “a domestic” and delete “and” and insert a comma.

24 In line 29, before the period insert “and that is maintained to protect the domestic animal from
25 weather and physical injury”.

26 On page 2, line 3, after “vehicle” delete the rest of the line and insert “if the domestic animal
27 is kept in the vehicle in a manner or for a length of time that is likely to be detrimental to the
28 domestic animal’s health or safety;”.

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