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LEGISLATURE OF AMERICAN SAMOA
C E R T I F I C A T I O N

In reply refer to:

House Chamber
January 22, 1988

I certify that House Bill No. 133 passed third reading on this date in the House of Representatives during its Third Regular Session of the Twentieth Legislature of American Samoa.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Wally F. Utu".

WALLY F. UTU
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

Senate Chamber
February 3, 1988

I certify that House Bill No. 133 passed third reading on this date in the Senate during its Third Regular Session of the Twentieth Legislature of American Samoa.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Salilo K. Levi".

MRS. SALILO K. LEVI
Secretary of the Senate

THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE OF AMERICAN SAMOA

Third Regular Session

Begun and held at Fagatogo, Tutuila, American Samoa
on Monday, the eleventh day of January
one thousand nine hundred and eighty eight

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPORTATION OR POSSESSION OF VICIOUS
ANIMALS IN THE TERRITORY; CREATING A NEW SECTION 25.1610 ASCA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF AMERICAN SAMOA:

Section 1. There is created a new section 25.1610 which reads:

"25.1610 Vicious animals prohibited--Penalty--Enforcement.

(a) No person may import into or possess in the Territory
a live vicious animal, except for animals being exported out of
the Territory within 48 hours of their arrival.

(b) For the purpose of this section, a vicious animal is
one which, without provocation;

(1) has made an attack on a person whether or not the at-
tack resulted in any injuries to the person;

(2) bitten any person; or

(3) displays snarling, snapping, growling, clawing or
other behavior which tends to intimidate, frighten or subdue
a person.

(c) Animals which display the behavior described in sub-
section (b) upon command of an owner or keeper are considered
vicious animals under this section.

(d) This section shall be enforced and animals shall be
seized by the department of public safety upon its own initia-
tive and upon formal complaint by a person or guardian or
parent of a person attacked, bitten or otherwise harassed by a
vicious animal. An animal seized under this section must be
inspected by the department of agriculture officials and be
destroyed within 48 hours if the officials confirm its vicious
behavior. The department of agriculture shall handle the de-
struction of such animals in a reasonably humane manner.

(e) Any person who imports or possesses a vicious animal
in the Territory is guilty of a class A misdemeanor. If such
animal causes injury to a person in an unprovoked attack then
the importer or possessor is guilty of a class D felony."

LETULI TOLOA
President of the Senate

TUANA'ITAU F. TUIA
Speaker of the House

17th day of February, 1988

Governor of American Samoa

NOFOAIGA LUASEFULU FONOFAITULAFONO O AMERIKA SAMOA

Fono Tele Lona Tolu

Nofoia ma usuia i Fagatogo, Tutuila, Amerika Samoa
Aso Gafua, aso sefulutasi o Ianuari
tasi le afe iva selau valusefulu valu

O SE TULAFONO E FAASAINA AI LE AUMAIA MAI FAFO PO'O MEAOLA
MATA'UTIA O I AI I LE TERITORI; FA'AVAEINA SE MAGA FOU 25.1610
TFAS.

IA FAATULAFONOINA E LE FONOFAITULAFONO O AMERIKA SAMOA:

Maga 1. Ua fa'avaeina se maga fou 25.1610 e faitauina:

"25.1610 Fa'asaina meaola mata'utia--Fa'asalaga--Fa'amalosia.

(a) E leai se tagata e aumaia i totonu po'o le i ai i
le Teritori o se meaola mata'utia ola, vagana mo meaola e
auina atu i fafo o le Teritori i le 48 itula ina ua taunu'u.

(e) Mo le mafua'aga o lenei maga, o se meaola mata'utia
e tasi, e aunoa ma le faia o se tulaga e fa'aita ai;

(1) ua faia se osofaiga i se tagata tusa lava pe le o
se osofaiga e pogai i so'o se fa'amanu'aina i le tagata;

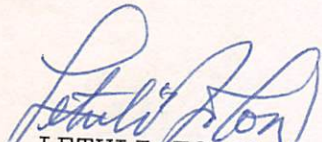
(2) ū so'o se tagata; po'o le

(3) fa'aailoa le feai o nifo, oso fa'afuase'i, leo
feai, a'asi pe lala'u po'o isi amioga e faia ia fa'amata'u,
fa'afepe po'o le fa'ato'ilaloina o se tagata.

(i) O meaola ua fa'aailoa o amioga fa'atonuina i le
soamaga (e) mai le fa'atonuga o se e ana moni po'o le tagata
tausi ua iloiloiloina meaola mata'utia i lalo o lenei maga.

(o) O lenei maga na te fa'amalosia meaola ia taofia
e le matagaluega o le saogalemu lautele mai lona lava malosi
ma luga o le tagi saunia lelei e se tagata po'o le tagata
e tausia po'o matua o se tagata ua osofaiaina, ū po'o le
pagatia i se meaola mata'utia. O se meaola ua taofia i
lalo o lenei maga e tatau ona su'esu'eina e le Matagaluega
Ofisa o Fa'atoaga ma ia fa'atamaia i le 48 itula pe afai o
ofisa e fa'amaonia lana amioga mata'utia.
O le Vaega o Fa'atoaga na te tauavea le fa'atama'ia o ia mea-
ola i se uiga lelei e tatau ai.

(u) So'o se tagata e aumaia po'o le i ai o se mea-
ola mata'utia i le Teritori ua nofosala o se vasega A
solitulafono mama. Afai o lea meaola e pogai ai le fa'a-
manu'aina i se tagata i se osofaiga e leai se tulaga na
faia i ai, o le tagata na aumaia mai fafo po'o le tagata
ua i ai ua nofosala o se vasega O solitulafono mamafa."

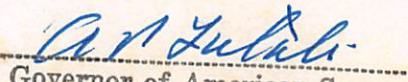

LETULI TOLOA

Peresetene, Maota Mau'aluga


TUANA'ITAU F. TUIĀ

Fofoga Fetalai, Maota o Sui

Hereby Approved this 17th day of February, 1988


Governor of American Samoa