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Bill Analysis

SB 2114 authorizes game wardens to take enforcement action as it relates to dogs harassing wildlife on lands without permission upon receiving a complaint from a landowner or a person in lawful control of the land, including the detainment or impoundment of such dogs. The measure prohibits any person from knowingly, recklessly, or negligently allowing a dog owned or kept by them to disturb wildlife on lands the person does not own or have permission to enter. A violation shall result in a warning being issued. The measure establishes a maximum fine of \$250.00 for each subsequent violation. The provisions of the measure shall not apply to dogs engaged in livestock protection or law enforcement animals. Dogs lawfully engaged in hunting activities on lands where permission has been granted shall not be subject to the provisions of this measure. The measure also clarifies that unintentional or momentary crossing of property boundaries where a person is making reasonable efforts to recover a dog engaged in hunting activities on land he or she is not permitted to access shall not qualify as a violation.

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