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SB 925 Criminal Law - Dangerous and Potentially Dangerous Dogs - Classification and Requirements

Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

SB 925 as amended, would have counties that use a “potentially dangerous” dog designation to add an appeals process for the dog once labeled. Owners would have to wait 2 years after the designation to appeal.

A dog can easily be labeled a “potentially dangerous” dog from a misunderstanding or if another individual that wants to cause them harm. Another misunderstanding could lead to a dog being labeled “Dangerous” and put the dog at risk to be destroyed. Senate Bill 925 will simply allow an appeals process for dogs that were incorrectly labeled, immature, or required training.

I respectfully request a favorable on Senate Bill 925.