

**Assembly Bill No. 1825**

CHAPTER 97

An act to amend Section 31603 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to dogs.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1825, Gordon. Vicious dogs: definition.

Existing law provides for the designation and disposition of certain categories of dogs as potentially dangerous or vicious dogs pursuant to a specified judicial process, and requires that designation to be included in the registration records of the dog. Existing law defines the term "vicious dog" to include, among others, dogs seized pursuant to specified animal cruelty laws.

This bill would delete this category of dog from the above-specified definition of "vicious dog."

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 31603 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

31603. "Vicious dog" means any of the following:

(a) Any dog that, when unprovoked, in an aggressive manner, inflicts severe injury on or kills a human being.

(b) Any dog previously determined to be and currently listed as a potentially dangerous dog that, after its owner or keeper has been notified of this determination, continues the behavior described in Section 31602 or is maintained in violation of Section 31641, 31642, or 31643.