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Sponsor: Rep. Joseph Young Sr.  
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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5924 AS INTRODUCED 6-21-90

The bill would amend the Dog Law to require the Department of Agriculture to supervise the enforcement of all laws and ordinances that protect people from dogs; demand that law enforcement officers, animal control officers, and prosecutors make the enforcement of such laws a priority; and mandate the creation of a dog law enforcement bureau within the Department of Agriculture. The bureau would be authorized to do all of the following: request a law enforcement or animal control officer to issue a citation, summons, or appearance ticket for a violation of any law or ordinance that protects people from dogs; directly enforce any applicable law or ordinance if a law enforcement or animal control officer failed to respond within 24 hours to the bureau's request to issue a citation, summons, or appearance ticket; and request that any prosecutor within the state prosecute a violator of any law or ordinance that protects persons from dogs. The agriculture department director would have to appoint a deputy director for the dog law enforcement bureau. As used in the bill, "dog" would mean any member of the species Canis familiaris, plus any C. familiaris crossbred with a wolf (Canis lupus).

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