

HOUSE BILL 733

By Smith

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 2, relative to cruelty to animals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-212, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting instead the following:

(a) A person commits aggravated cruelty to animals when, with no justifiable purpose, the person intentionally or knowingly kills, maims, tortures, crushes, burns, drowns, suffocates, mutilates, starves, or otherwise causes serious physical injury to a companion animal.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-212, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(1).

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.

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Signature of Sponsor

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-212, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting instead the following:

(a) A person commits aggravated cruelty to animals when, with no justifiable purpose, the person intentionally or knowingly:

- (1) Kills, maims, tortures, crushes, burns, drowns, suffocates, mutilates, starves, or otherwise causes serious physical injury, a substantial risk of death, or death to a companion animal; or
- (2) Fails to provide food or water to the companion animal resulting in a substantial risk of death or death.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-212, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(1).

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.

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