

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 70

HOUSE BILL NO. 2174

By Representatives Bell, Watson, Hawk, Yokley, Litz

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2282

By Senator Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, relative to the removal of certain devices from dogs.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 39-14-213.

(a) A person who removes from a dog an electronic or radio transmitting collar or microchip implant without the permission of the owner of the dog and with the intent to prevent or hinder the owner from locating the dog commits a Class B misdemeanor, punishable by fine only; provided, however, if the dog wearing an electronic or radio transmitting collar or microchip implant is lost or killed as the proximate result of the removal of such collar or implant, the person commits a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by fine only.

(b) Upon conviction for a violation of this section, the court shall order that the violator pay as restitution to the owner the actual value of a dog lost or killed as a result of the removal of an electronic or radio transmitting collar or microchip implant from the dog by the violator. The court may also order the violator to pay as restitution to the owner any breeding revenues forfeited due to the loss or death of a dog in such circumstance.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all such offenses committed on or after such date.

PASSED: April 16, 2007



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 30th day of April 2007



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR