

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 535**

**SENATE BILL NO. 637**

**By Marrero, Flinn, Ketron, Henry**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 422**

**By Briley, Sontany, Hardaway, McManus**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 2, relative to the tethering of dogs.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-202, is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (b) and by redesignating subsequent subsections accordingly:

(b) A person commits an offense who knowingly ties, tethers, or restrains a dog in a manner that results in the dog suffering bodily injury as defined in § 39-11-106(2).

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: June 11, 2007**

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 27th day of June 2007**



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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR