

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1172**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2697**

**By Raymond Finney, Marrero**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 2804**

**By Sontany, Sherry Jones, Overbey, Harry Brooks, Maggart**

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-205, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(1) and substituting instead the following:

(1)(A) It is an offense to knowingly and unlawfully kill the animal of another without the owner's effective consent.

(B) A violation of this subdivision is theft of property, graded according to the value of the animal, and punished in accordance with § 39-14-105.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 20, 2008**

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 19th day of June 2008**



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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR