



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 331

SENATE BILL NO. 1273

By Yager

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1363

By Calfee

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, Chapter 4, Part 4, relative to the regulation of exotic animals.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, Chapter 4, Part 4, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

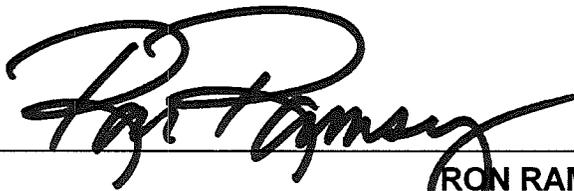
(a) Any person who obtains a Class I carnivore on or after July 1, 2015, shall, within six (6) months of obtaining the animal, have a microchip permanently implanted in the animal. The microchip shall have an identification number that is unique to the microchip. In addition, the microchip shall contain a passive integrated transponder, which shall have a frequency of one hundred twenty-five kilohertz (125 kHz), one hundred thirty-four and two-tenths kilohertz (134.2 kHz), or four hundred kilohertz (400 kHz).

(b) Any person who possesses a Class I carnivore prior to July 1, 2015, and who continues to possess the animal on or after July 1, 2015, shall have a microchip that meets the technical specifications described in subsection (a) permanently implanted in the animal by July 1, 2018.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 13, 2015

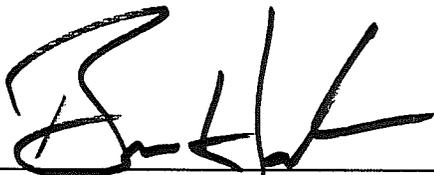


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 28th day of April 2015



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR