

HOUSE BILL 1291

By Durham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section
39-14-205, relative to killing of animals.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-205(a)(2), is amended by adding the following language to the end of the subdivision:

Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(1)(B), a violation of subdivision (a)(1)(A) with respect to a police dog, fire dog, search and rescue dog, or police horse shall be a Class E felony, unless the offense would be a higher classification based on the animal's value, in which case the violation shall be graded pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(B).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.