

SENATE BILL 903

By Overbey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 14, relative to animal offenses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-202(e), is amended by adding the following language to the end of the subsection:

The court shall order the person convicted to pay for the costs of housing the animal for a reasonable time period and any rehabilitative training that is performed on the animal.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-202(g), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(4) Each animal that is the victim of a violation of this section constitutes a separate offense.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-203(c), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(3) Each animal that is the victim of a violation of subdivisions (a)(1)—(3) constitutes a separate offense.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-203(d)(1), is amended by deleting the language “Class B misdemeanor” and substituting instead the language “Class A misdemeanor”.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.