

SENATE BILL 1894

By Summerville

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1;
Title 38; Title 43; Title 44 and Title 63, relative to
livestock.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 1-3-105, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() "Livestock" means all equine as well as animals that are being raised primarily for use as food or fiber for human utilization or consumption including, but not limited to, cattle, sheep, swine, goats, and poultry;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 43, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

43-1-114.

(a) The definition of livestock as set forth in subsection (b) shall be applicable to the term wherever it appears in the code, unless a different definition is specifically made applicable to the part, chapter, or section in which the term appears or unless the context otherwise requires.

(b) "Livestock" means all equine as well as animals that are being raised primarily for use as food or fiber for human utilization or consumption including, but not limited to, cattle, sheep, swine, goats, and poultry.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-1-403(d), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) and substituting the following:

(2) Nothing in this part shall be construed as prohibiting the owner of livestock as defined in § 43-1-114 (b), or someone acting with consent of the owner of livestock, from

engaging in usual and customary practices that are accepted by colleges of agriculture or veterinary medicine with respect to livestock, nor shall this part be construed as requiring the reporting of those practices.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 44-8-401, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting the following:

(a) It is unlawful for the owners of any livestock, as defined in § 43-1-114, to willfully allow the livestock to run at large in this state.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-12-133, is amended by deleting subsection (c) and substituting the following:

(c) For the purposes of this chapter, the practice of veterinary medicine shall not include the artificial insemination of livestock, as the term livestock is defined in § 43-1-114. The practice of artificial insemination shall be considered an accepted livestock management practice.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.