

HOUSE BILL 2879
By Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to assault of a police dog.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-202, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection to be designated as follows:

(g) Any offense under this section that is perpetrated on a dog owned by any law enforcement department or agency is a Class C felony.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-205(a)(2), is amended by deleting the current language in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

A dog owned by any law enforcement department or agency shall be considered to be valued at no less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), and a violation of this section with respect to such a police dog shall be at least a Class C felony under § 39-14-105.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, the public welfare requiring it.