

HOUSE BILL 721

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 44,
Chapter 7, relative to animal identification.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 44, Chapter 7, is amended by adding Sections 2 through 4 of this act as a new, appropriately designated part.

SECTION 2. The state of Tennessee may support a voluntary animal identification program. The department of agriculture shall not mandate or otherwise force national animal identification system (NAIS) premises registration without specific statutory authorization from the Tennessee general assembly.

SECTION 3. Any person who participates in the national animal identification system may withdraw from the system at any time. All personal information relating to a participant shall be deleted from the system when the participant withdraws, unless the participant is part of an ongoing disease investigation or disease monitoring or control program.

SECTION 4. If the provisions of this part interfere with the marketing of Tennessee livestock, the governor by executive order may waive this part in whole or in part until the next regular session of the general assembly or any special session called by the governor at which time the executive order shall expire.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.