

HOUSE BILL 2045

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 11, Part 6 and Title 70, Chapter 4, Part 1,
relative to protection of property.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-614, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(d) A person in lawful possession of real property is justified in threatening or using any lawful force, when and to the degree it is reasonably believed that the force is immediately necessary to protect such property from severe environmental degradation caused by a feral hog. Any person acting in conformance with this subsection (d) shall be immune from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed pursuant to title 70, chapter 4, or any other law. For purposes of this subsection (d), lawful force includes the use of dogs to protect such property when necessary notwithstanding the hunting season as promulgated by the wildlife resources commission pursuant to title 70, chapter 4.

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