

SENATE BILL 2524

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 2, relative to the disposition of fines, penalties and forfeitures in certain animal cases.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-210, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting instead the following:

(d) All fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed and collected in any county, under provisions relating to or in any way affecting animals, shall be distributed in the following order:

(1) To the municipality or county in which the incident resulting in such fine, penalty or forfeiture occurs for use by the animal shelter or animal control unit in such municipality or county;

(2) To the general fund of the municipality or county to be used for law enforcement purposes if the municipality or county does not operate an animal shelter or animal control unit.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to all fines, penalties and forfeitures assessed on or after that date or assessed but unpaid prior to that date.