

SENATE BILL 1277

By Pody

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 3; Title 39; Title 63, Chapter 12 and Title 66, relative to animals.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-212, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting instead the following:

(d) Aggravated cruelty to animals is a Class E felony. A second or subsequent violation or a violation involving five (5) or more animals is a Class C felony, punishable by a mandatory minimum sentence of one hundred eighty (180) days and the person shall serve at least one hundred percent (100%) of the minimum sentence.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to violations occurring on or after that date.