



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 206

HOUSE BILL NO. 1103

By Representatives Timothy Hill, Holsclaw, Parkinson, Hardaway, Crawford

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 989

By Senators Niceley, Briggs

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 2; Title 44 and Section 55-4-290, relative to locating animals' owners.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-210(c)(2), is amended by adding the following language immediately following the existing language in the subdivision:

If the animal bears any notification information on an identification tag or collar, or on a chip, if the agent or officer of the society has the use of a chip reader, the reasonable effort to locate and notify the animal's owners must be made within forty-eight (48) hours of the time that the society takes custody of the animal or, if the animal is taken into custody on a Friday, within two (2) business days of the date that the society takes custody of the animal.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-215(b)(2)(B)(i), is amended by adding the following language between the word "chip" and the semicolon ";":

within forty-eight (48) hours of the time that the person takes custody of the animal or, if the animal is taken into custody on a Friday, within two (2) business days of the date that the person takes custody of the animal

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 44-17-304, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c) A public or private agency, animal shelter, or other facility that knows or should know that a non-livestock animal has an owner under subsection (a) must make a reasonable effort to locate and notify the animal's owners within forty-eight (48) hours of the time that the public or private agency, animal shelter, or other facility takes custody of the animal or, if the animal is taken into custody on a Friday, within two (2) business days of the date that the public or private agency, animal shelter, or other facility takes custody of the animal.

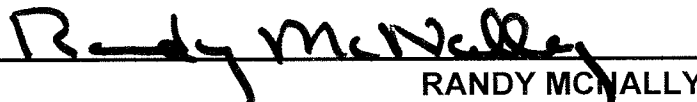
SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 13, 2017

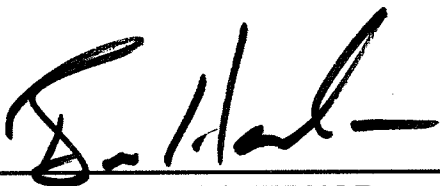


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 27th day of April 2017



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR