

HOUSE BILL 1909

By Hawk

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39  
and Title 44, Chapter 17, relative to restraining  
animals during emergency situations.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-202(a), is amended by deleting the word "or" at the end of subdivision (4), replacing the period at the end of subdivision (5) with the language "; or", and adding the following as a new subdivision:

(6) Restrains a dog with a chain, cord, tether, cable, or similar device while a natural or manmade disaster is imminent or occurring, including, but not limited to, a period of time when:

(A) A severe flooding or tornado warning issued by the national weather service is in effect for the geographic area where the dog is located; or

(B) A mandatory or voluntary evacuation order is in effect for the geographic area where the dog is located.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.