

SENATE BILL 1876

By Johnson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section
44-8-408, relative to dogs running at large.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 44-8-408, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(j) An animal control agency, as defined in § 39-14-215, has the authority to seize and take into custody any dog found trespassing on the premises of another if the dog is found, by the owner of the premises, attacking an animal belonging to the owner of the premises; provided, that this subsection (j) shall not apply if the attack occurs in response to an instigation by the owner of the premises or an animal belonging to the owner of the premises.

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