

SENATE BILL 2318

By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70,
relative to exotic wildlife.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, Chapter 4, Part 4, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

The only manner in which Class I wildlife may be disposed of in this state is:

(1) Releasing the Class I wildlife back into its natural habitat, subject to § 70-4-412;

(2) Returning the Class I wildlife to the transferor from whom the Class I wildlife was obtained, if the transferor is permitted to possess the Class I wildlife;

or

(3) Donating the Class I wildlife to a zoo that is permitted to possess the Class I wildlife.

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