

SENATE BILL 2650

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39
and Title 43, relative to animals.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-803, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(e) A person commits an offense if, without the consent of the owner, the person acquires or otherwise exercises control over bees or a structure or equipment used to keep, handle, house, exhibit, breed, or offer for sale bees with the intent to deprive the owner of the bees, structure, or equipment.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-804(a), is amended by deleting the language "§ 39-14-803(a) and (b)" and substituting "§ 39-14-803(a), (b), or (e)".

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.