



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 708**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2650**

**By Niceley**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2848

**By Wright**

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.

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PASSED: April 1, 2024

  
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RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024

  
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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR