

**SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS**

**SB 435**

**2016 Regular Session**

**Morrell**

**KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

THEFT. Creates the crime of theft of animals. (8/1/16)

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

1. Adds an exception to allow killing of a dog harassing, wounding, or killing livestock.

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

DIGEST

SB 435 Reengrossed

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Proposed law provides that theft of animals is the misappropriation, killing, or taking of any animal which belongs to another, either without consent of the other to the misappropriation or taking, or by means of fraudulent conduct, practices, or representations. An intent to deprive the other permanently of the animal or an intent to ransom it for the purpose of extorting money or favor is essential.

Proposed law provides for a penalty of imprisonment for not more than six months or a fine of not more than \$500, or both.

Proposed law provides that if the offender in such a case has been convicted of misdemeanor theft of an animal two or more times previously, upon any subsequent conviction he will be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years or may be fined not more than \$1,000, or both.

Proposed law provides that "animal" means any nonhuman living creature except for livestock as defined in present law.

Present law provides that any person finding any dog not on the premises of its owner, harborer, or possessor, which is harassing, wounding, or killing livestock, may kill the dog, and the owner shall not be able to sustain any action for damages against the person killing the dog.

Proposed law retains these provisions adds an exception to address killing of dogs that are harassing, wounding, or killing livestock.

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