

HOUSE BILL 1126

By Sherrell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29;  
Title 39 and Title 44, relative to damage caused by  
animals.

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 as a new subsection:

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(1) In addition to other penalties provided by this section, a person convicted of a violation of this section in which the dog running at large causes bodily injury, serious bodily injury, or death of another, or damage to the property of another, shall be ordered by the court to make full restitution for all damages that arise out of or are related to the offense, including incidental and consequential damages incurred by the person or property owner.

(2) This subsection (k) does not prohibit a person who is bodily injured, seriously bodily injured, or killed, or a person whose property is damaged, by a dog running at large from pursuing the remedies provided under § 44-8-413, or another law.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.