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(100th)

To: Judiciary B

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 649

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-41-16, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL PENALTY FOR HARMING A HUNTING DOG; AND  
3 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-41-16, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 97-41-16. (1) Any person, not the fee simple owner of land  
8 upon which the dog was harmed, who shall maliciously, either out  
9 of a spirit of revenge or wanton cruelty, or who shall  
10 mischievously kill, maim or wound, or injure any dog, or cause any  
11 person to do the same, shall be fined not more than One Thousand  
12 Dollars (\$1,000.00) or be imprisoned not exceeding six (6) months  
13 and such person shall lose all hunting privileges for one (1) year  
14 if such dog is a hunting dog and it is injured during hunting  
15 seasons which allow the use of dogs.

16 (2) In addition to such fine or imprisonment which may be  
17 imposed, the court shall order that restitution be made to the  
18 owner of such dog. The measure for restitution in money shall be  
19 the current replacement value of such loss and/or the actual  
20 veterinarian fees, special supplies, loss of income and other cost  
21 incurred as a result of actions in violation of subsection (1) of  
22 this section.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
24 and after July 1, 2002.

