

By: Representative Holland

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 726

1 AN ACT TO PROTECT UTILITY WORKERS FROM HARM BY ANIMALS; TO
2 PROVIDE A FINE FOR THE OWNER OF AN ANIMAL HARMING A UTILITY
3 WORKER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The owner of any animal which causes harm to a
6 utility worker while such worker is engaged in the course and
7 scope of his employment shall be liable for a fine not to exceed
8 One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). Any such animal may be seized
9 by law enforcement authorities and if it is determined that the
10 animal is dangerous it may be destroyed.

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

