

By: Senator(s) Gollott, Farris, Hewes

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2820

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-41-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE PENALTY FOR CRUEL TREATMENT AND MALICIOUS INJURY OF
3 ANIMALS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-41-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 97-41-15. (1) Any person who shall maliciously, either out
8 of a spirit of revenge or wanton cruelty, or who shall
9 mischievously kill, maim or wound, or injure any animal, or cause
10 any person to do the same, shall be guilty of a felony and upon
11 conviction, shall be committed to the custody of the State
12 Department of Corrections for not less than twelve (12) months nor
13 more than five (5) years, and fined an amount not less than One
14 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), nor more than Ten
15 Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

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

24 (3) For purposes of this section, the term "animal" means
25 exotic animals, horses, mules, cattle, swine, sheep, felines,
26 canines and other domestic animals * * *.



27 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
28 and after its passage.

