

By: Senator(s) Dearing

To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2025

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-41-16, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE CRIME OF MALICIOUS OR MISCHIEVOUS INJURY TO CERTAIN
3 PETS; AND 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 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 dog or cat, or
10 cause any person to do the same, shall be fined not more than One
11 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or be imprisoned not exceeding six
12 (6) months.

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

20 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
21 and after July 1, 2005.