

CHAPTER 21**(HB 301)**

AN ACT relating to animal protection.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 258.095 TO 258.500 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) *No person other than the owner shall tamper with or remove without permission an identification tag, chip, locator, or electronic tracking device from a domesticated animal of any age, including but not limited to a hound or dog used in the sport of hunting.*
- (2) *Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to a person removing an identification tag, chip, locator, or electronic tracking device if the removal is:*
 - (a) *Necessary to prevent or treat an injury to the animal;*
 - (b) *Done by a law enforcement officer or animal control officer for a legitimate purpose; or*
 - (c) *Done with the written permission of the owner of the animal.*
- (3) *Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.*

Signed by the Governor March 20, 2009.