

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 352**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1161**

**By Representatives Sontany, Sherry Jones, Mike Turner, Casada**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 196**

**By Senators Burchett, Burks, Marrero, Raymond Finney**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 3, Part 6, relative to domestic abuse.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-601(1), is amended by deleting the language "or malicious damage to the personal property of the abused party;" and by substituting instead the following language:

malicious damage to the personal property of the abused party, including inflicting, or attempting to inflict, physical injury on any animal owned, possessed, leased, kept, or held by an adult or minor, or placing an adult or minor in fear of physical harm to any animal owned, possessed, leased, kept, or held by such adult or minor;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-606(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Directing the care, custody, or control of any animal owned, possessed, leased, kept, or held by either party or a minor residing in the household. In no instance shall such animal be placed in the care, custody, or control of the respondent but shall instead be placed in the care, custody or control of the petitioner or in an appropriate animal foster situation;

SECTION 3. For the purpose of changing any forms necessary to implement the provisions of this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall take effect on July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 17, 2007**

  
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JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 5th day of June 2007

  
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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR