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Sincerely,

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SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 51-441, is amended by deleting the word and punctuation "Jefferson," in the first and second paragraphs of the section.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 51-441, is further amended by adding the following language immediately after the third paragraph: Provided, however, it shall be lawful in Jefferson County to have a jump-out training season during the period each year from October 9 through November 1, and notwithstanding other provisions of this section, it shall be lawful to train coon dogs in Jefferson County at any time of the year except during the period each year from March 1 to May 15, so long as coons are not taken except during open season thereon.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 51-441, is amended by deleting the following language:

It shall be unlawful for any person to train coon dogs by chasing coons in Cocke County, except that it shall be lawful for licensed kennel clubs in Cocke County to conduct an unlimited number of field trials and all-night hunts for raccoons in Cocke County during the training season specified herein. The training season shall be each Friday and Saturday night of each week from sunset to sunrise on each night. The field trials and all-night hunts shall be chase only and no coons shall be taken except during open season in such county. and inserting instead the following new language:

Provided, however, it shall be lawful in Cocke County to have a jump-out training season during the period each year from October 9 through November 1, and notwithstanding other provisions of this section, it shall be lawful to train coon dogs in Cocke County at any time of the year except during the period each year from March 1 to May 15, so long as coons are not taken except during open season thereon.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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