

- SUBJECT:** Defense to prosecution related to predators and exotic fowl and livestock
- COMMITTEE:** Agriculture and Livestock — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 8 ayes — Swinford, McReynolds, B. Brown, Christian, Green, Hardcastle, Hupp, C. Jones
- 0 nays
- 1 absent — Crownover
- WITNESSES:** For — Ben Parten
- Against — Ellis Gilleland
- BACKGROUND:** It is a defense against prosecution under the Penal Code to kill a dangerous animal after the immediate discovery that it had killed or injured a property owner's domestic animals.
- DIGEST:** CSHB 3243 would make it a defense to prosecution to kill or injure a dangerous animal found on an individual's property immediately after, or in the act of, killing exotic livestock or exotic fowl.
- This bill would take effect September 1, 1999, and would apply to an offense on or after that date.
- NOTES:** The original bill would have removed the existing requirement that the killing or injuring of the dangerous animal would have to occur at the time the damage to the property owner's livestock was discovered.