

**HB0667/202217/1**

BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 667

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, strike “debarking or silencing” and substitute “devocalizing”; in line 5, strike “debark or silence” and substitute “devocalize”; and in line 6, after “circumstances;” insert “defining a certain term;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 16, insert:

**“(A) (1) “DEVOCALIZE” MEANS TO PERFORM A SURGICAL PROCEDURE INVOLVING CUTTING, NOTCHING, PUNCHING, ABRADING, LASERING, SUTURING, OR OTHERWISE PHYSICALLY ALTERING THE VOCAL APPARATUS OF A DOG OR CAT WITH THE INTENT OF ALTERING, REDUCING, OR ELIMINATING VOCAL SOUNDS PRODUCED BY THE ANIMAL.**

**(2) “DEVOCALIZE” INCLUDES DEBARKING, DEVOICING, SILENCING, VENTRICULOCORDECTEMY, VOCAL CORDECTOMY, BARK REDUCTION, AND BARK SOFTENING.”;**

in lines 18 and 19, in each instance, strike “DEBARK OR SILENCE” and substitute “DEVOCALIZE”; in line 17, strike “(A)” and substitute “(B)”; in the same line, strike “(B)” and substitute “(C)”; and in line 19, strike “(B)” and substitute “(C)”.

On page 2, in line 16, strike “(C)” and substitute “(D)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 4, strike the first “AN” and substitute “A PHYSICAL”.