



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 84

HOUSE BILL NO. 120

By Representatives Lamberth, Cochran, Hulsey, Sherrell, Burkhart, Scarbrough, Todd, Hawk

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1303

By Senators Johnson, Taylor, Jackson, Pody, Rose, Stevens

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 39, relative to criminal offenses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 16, Part 5, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Division of protective services" means the division of the department of safety established under § 4-3-2006, and includes any member of the Tennessee highway patrol, commissioned member of the office of homeland security, or other state or local law enforcement officer who is actively engaged in supporting the division's operations; and

(2) "Person protected by the division of protective services" means any person whom the division of protective services has been authorized by the commissioner of safety to protect and is actively engaged in protecting under § 4-3-2006.

(b)

(1) A person commits an offense who intentionally impedes or obstructs a member of the division of protective services from ingress to, egress from, or movement about a location where the member is responsible for a person protected by the division of protective services.

(2) A person commits an offense who intentionally refuses to vacate an area where access has been restricted by a member of the division of protective services for the purpose of maintaining the safety or security of the person protected by the division of protective services.

(c)

(1)

(A) Except as provided in subdivision (c)(1)(B), a violation of subdivision (b)(1) is a Class A misdemeanor.

(B) A violation of subdivision (b)(1) is a Class E felony if the person who committed the offense was a threat to the safety or security of the person protected by the division of protective services.

(2) A violation of subdivision (b)(2) is a Class E felony.

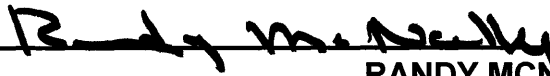
SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2025, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 13, 2025



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 28th day of March 2025



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR