



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 891

HOUSE BILL NO. 2823

By Representatives Coley, McCormick, Floyd, Sparks, Brown, Todd, Swann, Maggart, Jones, Gilmore, Sontany, Favors, Hardaway, McManus, Parkinson, Lollar

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2590

By Senators Marrero, Burks, Harper, Kyle, Yager

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to victims of trafficking.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-513, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection thereto:

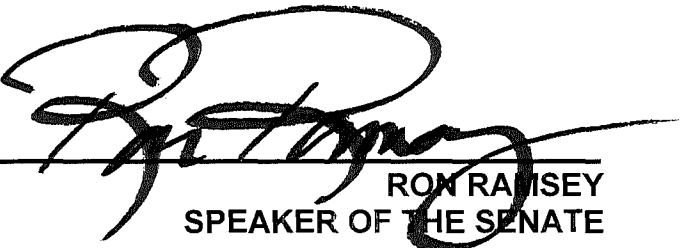
(e) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that a person charged with a violation of this section was so charged for conduct that occurred because the person was a victim of an act committed in violation of § 39-13-307 or § 39-13-309, or because the person was a victim as defined under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, 22 U.S.C. § 7102.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: APRIL 19, 2012


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 9th day of May 2012


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR