

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1067

HOUSE BILL NO. 255

By Representatives Shaw, Rogers

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1200

By Senators Yarbro, Bowling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 3, relative to abatement of nuisances.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-3-106, is amended by redesignating subsection (a) as subdivision (a)(1) and adding the following as a new subdivision:

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (c), if a defendant, who is the owner of the property and not the person keeping, maintaining, or carrying on the nuisance, demonstrates that the defendant was unaware of the nuisance prior to receiving the notice required by this subsection (a), and that the defendant has voluntarily taken steps after receiving notice to abate the nuisance without the involvement of the court, the court may dismiss the petition or continue the action pending further action by the defendant.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: _____ April 20, 2016

BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 20^{-1} day of M_{ay} 2016

BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR