



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 296

HOUSE BILL NO. 560

By Representatives Carter, Hardaway, Pody, Lamberth, Cameron Sexton, McCormick, Gravitt, Hazlewood, Windle, Crawford, Mark White, Moody, Rogers, Favors, Howell

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 467

By Senators Bell, Green, Crowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7 and Title 39, relative to disclosure of confidential information.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-504(f), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(8)

(A) Any person required by law to treat information described in subdivision (f)(1)(D) as confidential commits an offense if such information pertains to a law enforcement officer and:

(i) The person acts with criminal negligence, as defined in § 39-11-106, in releasing the information to the public; or

(ii) The person knows the information is to be treated as confidential and intentionally releases the information to the public.

(B)

(i) A violation of subdivision (f)(8)(A)(i) is a Class B misdemeanor punishable only by a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500).

(ii) A violation of subdivision (f)(8)(A)(ii) is a Class A misdemeanor.

(C) Subdivision (f)(8)(A) shall not apply if:

(i) The law enforcement officer whose information is treated as confidential under subdivision (f)(1)(D) expressly authorizes the release of such information; or

(ii) The information is released pursuant to court order.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 26, 2017



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 5th day of May 2017



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR