



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 149

SENATE BILL NO. 481

By Gardenhire

Substituted for: House Bill No. 901

By Jernigan, Hodges, Beck, Ramsey, Curcio, Whitson, Faison, Sparks, Hulsey, Tillis, Freeman, Potts, Windle, Love, Powell, Sanderson, Calfee, Hicks, Boyd, Vaughan, Gant, Timothy Hill, Gloria Johnson, DeBerry, Hardaway, Clemmons, Towns, Miller, Hakeem, Helton, Mitchell, Dixie, Thompson, Russell, Doggett, Hurt, Hazlewood, Camper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 1 and Title 65, Chapter 35, relative to employees of a utility.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-102(e)(1)(B), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(B) However, the maximum fine shall be fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for an offense under subdivision (a)(1)(A) or (B), or subsection (c), committed against any of the following persons who are discharging or attempting to discharge their official duties:

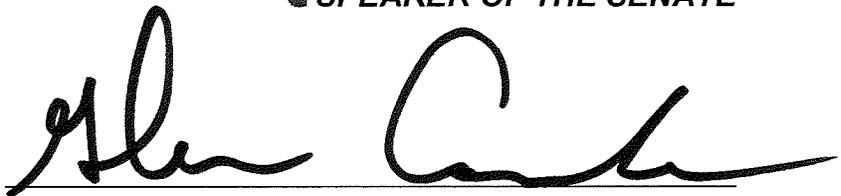
- (i) Law enforcement officer;
- (ii) Firefighter;
- (iii) Medical fire responder;
- (iv) Paramedic;
- (v) Emergency medical technician;
- (vi) Healthcare provider;
- (vii) Any other first responder; or
- (viii) An identifiable employee or contractor of a utility.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to violations occurring on or after that date.

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PASSED: April 4, 2019


RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 17th day of April 2019


BILL LEE, GOVERNOR