

HOUSE BILL 12

By Mitchell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8; Title 12, Chapter 3; Title 12, Chapter 4 and Title 50, relative to commissioners of the departments of state government.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) During the twelve-month period immediately following a commissioner's or deputy commissioner's departure from departmental service, the commissioner or deputy commissioner shall not seek or accept employment with any private business entity that contracted with the department during the commissioner's or deputy commissioner's tenure of service as commissioner or deputy commissioner.

(b) The Tennessee ethics commission may administratively assess a civil penalty, not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), if a former commissioner or former deputy commissioner knowingly violates this section.

(c) In the chancery court of Davidson County, the Tennessee ethics commission may seek injunctive relief to prevent a former commissioner or former deputy commissioner from engaging in a continuing violation of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.