

HOUSE BILL 29

By Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39
and Title 40, relative to mistreatment of a corpse.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-312(c), is amended by deleting the language "A violation" and by substituting instead the language "Except as provided in subsection (d), a violation".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-312, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (d):

(d) A violation of this section by a person who causes the death of a person whose corpse has been mistreated, disinterred, or disposed of in the manner described in subsection (a) is a Class C felony.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-114, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() If the defendant is convicted of the offense of second degree murder pursuant to § 39-13-210, and the defendant knowingly mutilates the body of the victim after death;

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.