



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 646

HOUSE BILL NO. 549

By Representatives Gillespie, Griffey, Moon, Cooper, White, Vaughan, Bricken, Parkinson, Miller, Moody, Gant, Faison, Hardaway, Russell, Gary Hicks, Eldridge, Whitson, Helton

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 278

By Senators Rose, Akbari, Bailey, Bowling, Crowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-210, relative to compensation for the death of emergency responders in the line of duty.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-210(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (5) and substituting instead the following:

(5) "Law enforcement officer" means the sheriff, sheriff's deputies, a deputy jailer, or any police officer employed, commissioned, or appointed by this state, a municipality, or political subdivision of this state whose primary responsibility is the prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension of offenders, as well as those whose responsibility is the supervision of those who have been charged with a criminal offense; and

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and unless otherwise prohibited by the United States or Tennessee Constitution, is retroactive to March 1, 2020.

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PASSED: February 28, 2022



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 11th day of March 2022



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR