HOUSE BILL 554

By Johnson C

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7 and Title 65, relative to utilities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-26-104, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

If a person injures or destroys a portion of the gas fixtures, or other property belonging to the company, or willfully opens a communication into the street or other gas pipes, or lets on gas after it has been stopped by the company, that person is liable for damages sustained by that proceeding, and also to a penalty not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), upon conviction before a court having jurisdiction of the offense.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to conduct occurring on or after the effective date of this act.