

HOUSE BILL 800

By Doss

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 9 and Title 36, Chapter 3, Part 6, relative to the punishment for the violation of certain court orders.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-9-103, is amended by adding the following new subsection (c):

(c) If the contempt involves the violation of an order of protection or a court-approved consent agreement under § 36-3-610, an injunction or a no contact order, any court with jurisdiction over the order violated may impose a period of imprisonment of ten (10) days and a fine of three hundred seventy dollars (\$370).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-610, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(e) If the court holds a respondent in civil or criminal contempt for a knowing violation of an order of protection, court-approved consent agreement, injunction, or no contact order involving a domestic abuse victim as defined in § 36-3-601, the court shall punish the respondent by a fine of three hundred seventy dollars (\$370) and by imprisonment for ten (10) days.

SECTION 3. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Leigh Ann's Law".

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.