

HOUSE BILL 1382

By Ragan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7;
Title 8 and Title 58, Chapter 2, relative to
emergency first responders.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-210(a)(2), is amended by adding the language "public safety dispatcher as described in § 7-86-205," between the language "worker," and "or law".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-404(a)(2), is amended by adding the language "public safety dispatchers as described in § 7-86-205," between the language "firefighters," and "and emergency".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-126(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) and substituting instead:

(1) "First responders from local emergency management agencies" means emergency management agency personnel, including, but not limited to, emergency managers who, as first responders:

(A) Go directly to the scene of an emergency; or

(B) Provide direct logistical support during the emergency, such as public safety dispatchers as described in § 7-85-205, and may go to and from a disaster or emergency area; and

SECTION 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.