



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 826

HOUSE BILL NO. 1543

By Representatives Lamberth, Johnson, Reedy, Daniel

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1602

By Senator Yager

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 11, relative to bounty hunters.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-318, is amended by deleting the language "or another state" from subdivision (c)(3).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-318, is amended by deleting subdivision (c)(4) and substituting instead the following:

(4) A pocket card, with identifying photo, certifying that the bounty hunter has completed the training required by § 40-11-401.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-318, is amended by deleting the following language from subsection (f):

If the bounty hunter is from a state other than Tennessee, proof that the bounty hunter has completed an equivalent criminal history background check in the person's home state within the last year shall be provided to the appropriate law enforcement agency of the political subdivision where the taking will occur.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-318, is amended by deleting subsection (g) and substituting instead the following:

(g) No bounty hunter shall wear, carry, or display any uniform, badge, shield, card, or other item with any printing, insignia, or emblem that purports to indicate or copies or resembles an item that indicates that such bounty hunter is an employee, officer, or agent of any local, state, or federal government or any political subdivision of any local, state, or federal government.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-318, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(h) Nothing in this section gives a bounty hunter legal defense or privilege to violate any traffic laws or criminal statutes.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 11, 2018

  
BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018

  
BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR