



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 810

SENATE BILL NO. 2884

By Bailey, Haile, Powers, Stevens

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2303

By Sherrell, Griffey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 3, relative to arson.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-301(a), is amended by deleting the language "knowingly damages any structure by means of a fire or explosion" and substituting instead the following:

knowingly damages any structure or farm equipment by means of a fire or explosion

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-301, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(2)(B); redesignating subdivision (b)(2)(A) as subdivision (b)(2); and adding the following as a new subsection (c):

(c) As used in this section:

(1) "Farm equipment" means any farm tractor as defined § 55-1-104(a), farm implement designed to be operated with a farm tractor, and motorized farm machinery used in the commercial production of farm products or nursery stock; and

(2) "Place of worship" means any structure that is:

(A) Approved, or qualified to be approved, by the state board of equalization for property tax exemption pursuant to § 67-5-212, based on ownership and use of the structure by a religious institution; and

(B) Utilized on a regular basis by such religious institution as the site of congregational services, rites, or activities communally undertaken for the purpose of worship.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: June 17, 2020



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 15th day of JULY 2020



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR