

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 370

SENATE BILL NO. 264

By Niceley, Crowe

Substituted for: House Bill No. 156

By Whitson, Curcio, Jernigan, Hardaway, Moon, Helton, Ragan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-411, relative to vandalism.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-411, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a) A person who knowingly destroys, injures, interrupts, or interferes with critical infrastructure or its operation commits the offense of critical infrastructure vandalism.

(b) As used in this section, "critical infrastructure" includes, but is not limited to, the infrastructure of the following services to the general public:

- (1) Telephone, telegraph, television, internet, or other telecommunication services;
- (2) Electric, heat, natural gas, or other power or energy services;
- (3) The distribution of crude or refined liquid petroleum products or natural gas, and the pipelines, pumping stations, terminals, and equipment necessary for operation of the facility;
- (4) Water, wastewater, or sewer services; and
- (5) Railroads and other transportation services.

(c) The critical infrastructure of a utility or company is included in this section whether the critical infrastructure is in operation, idle, or under construction.


(d) A violation of this section shall be punished as theft under § 39-14-103, and graded in accordance with § 39-14-105. However, in no event shall punishment for a violation of this section be less than a Class E felony.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.


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PASSED: April 30, 2019


RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 10th day of May 2019


BILL LEE, GOVERNOR