

SENATE BILL 597

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37;
Title 39, Chapter 13; Title 39, Chapter 17 and Title
40, Chapter 35, relative to offenses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A person commits the offense of communicating a threat of public harm if:

(1) The person intentionally makes, posts, transmits, or communicates a threat verbally, in writing, through use of images, or by any other means of communication, including electronic communication, to commit arson, conduct a shooting or bombing, or inflict serious bodily injury on another, in a public place; and

(2) The threat is made in a manner that would cause another person to reasonably believe that the person making the threat intends to carry out the threat.

(b) A violation of this section is a Class C felony.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-114(c)(1), is amended by adding the following item:

(C) The threat of public harm, as prohibited by Section 1.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.