

SENATE BILL 618

By Harris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 24, Chapter 7; Title 36 and Title 68, Chapter 3, relative to parentage.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Notwithstanding this chapter to the contrary, a person who executed a voluntary acknowledgement of paternity that was subsequently rescinded due to fraud, duress, or material mistake of fact, pursuant to § 24-7-113(e), shall not be subject to the following actions to enforce any child support arrearages owed by the person:

(1) License denial, revocation, or restriction, pursuant to title 36, chapter 5, part 7; or

(2) Orders of contempt of court, pursuant to § 36-5-812.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to result in the forgiveness of any child support arrearages.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 3, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Any voluntary acknowledgment of paternity executed pursuant to this chapter shall include a statement of the person's right to petition a court to have the voluntary acknowledgment rescinded pursuant to § 24-7-113(e). The father shall indicate by initialing the statement that the right to rescind has been explained to him prior to executing the voluntary acknowledgment.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.