



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 286

HOUSE BILL NO. 78

By Representatives Kane, Holsclaw, Cameron Sexton

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1182

By Senator Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, relative to trespass.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-405, is amended by deleting subsection (c) and substituting the following:

(c) The defenses to prosecution set out in subsection (b) shall not be applicable to a person violating this section if the property owner:

(1) Posts the property with signs that are visible at all major points of ingress to the property being posted and the signs are reasonably likely to come to the attention of a person entering the property; or

(2) Places identifying purple paint marks on trees or posts on the property; provided, that at least one (1) sign is posted at a major point of ingress to the property in a manner that is reasonably likely to come to the attention of a person entering the property and that the sign includes language describing that the use of purple paint signifies "no trespassing." If purple paint is used, then purple paint must be vertical lines of not less than eight inches (8") in length and not less than one inch (1") in width; placed so that the bottom of the mark is not less than three feet (3') or more than five feet (5') from the ground; and placed at locations that are reasonably likely to come to the attention of a person entering the property.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 24, 2017



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 4th day of May 2017



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR