SENATE BILL 1247

By Green

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6, relative to enacting the "Tennessee Volunteer Firefighter Protection Act."

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Tennessee Volunteer Firefighter Protection Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-102(3), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(E) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, for purposes of a volunteer firefighter, as defined by § 50-6-401(a)(1)(B), "earnings" as used in subdivision (3)(A) shall be the volunteer firefighter's call rate multiplied by forty (40) hours per week, regardless of the number of actual hours worked in a week by the volunteer firefighter.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to injuries occurring on or after that date.