

SENATE BILL 1726

By Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39
and Title 40, relative to criminal law and
procedure.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-38-103, is amended by adding
the following as a new subsection (c):

(c) In cases involving the death of the victim or where the victim of a violent crime
is unable to be present or to testify at a hearing because of the victim's existing physical
or mental illness or infirmity, a photograph depicting the victim prior to the crime shall be
admitted at trial, to be entered during the state's case-in-chief, if such photograph is
submitted by the prosecution and is a reasonable depiction of the victim.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.