

SENATE BILL 1791

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38
and Title 39, Chapter 13, relative to drones.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-609(d)(2), is amended by adding the following as new subdivisions:

(H) To provide aerial coverage when deployed for the purpose of providing or enhancing security for an event open to the public and where attendance is expected to exceed one hundred (100) persons, including, but not limited to, music concerts, athletic events, festivals, fairs, and other outdoor events; or

(I) To investigate the scene of a crime that is occurring or has occurred;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-609, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(g) Notwithstanding subsection (e), video collected or obtained by use of a drone pursuant to subdivision (d)(2)(H) must:

(1) Be made publicly available for viewing via the internet within one (1) day of collection of the video; and

(2) Be deleted within three (3) days of collection of the video unless the video is directly relevant to both the lawful reason the drone was being used and to an ongoing investigation or criminal prosecution. If the evidence, information, or other data collected or obtained is directly relevant to both, the video must be retained and deleted by the collecting law enforcement agency in accordance with the same criteria, policies, and procedures used by the agency for evidence collected by methods other than a drone.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.