

SENATE BILL 2144

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8;
Title 39; Title 40 and Title 50, relative to voice
stress analysis.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 1, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Voice stress analysis" means the procedure for analyzing the responses of an individual to a specific set of questions; and

(2) "Voice stress analysis machine" means a device which has the ability to electronically analyze the responses of an individual to a specific set of questions and to record the analysis, both digitally and on a graph.

(b) No employer shall:

(1) Utilize a voice stress analysis machine on any employee's response;

or

(2) Introduce or consider the results of a voice stress analysis performed on an employee's response in any hearing or other employment procedure.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 17, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section, "voice stress analysis" means the procedure for analyzing the responses of an individual to a specific set of questions.

(b) Voice stress analysis and testimony regarding voice stress analysis shall not be admissible as evidence in any criminal proceeding.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.