SENATE BILL 2770

By Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to perjury.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-702(a), is amended by adding the following language as new, appropriately designated subdivisions:

() Makes a false statement, not under oath, but during an official proceeding that the person knows to be false;

() Affirms the validity of, or otherwise uses or introduces, any evidence during an official proceeding that the person knows to be false;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-702(b), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Perjury committed by a licensed attorney is a Class E felony.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.