

SENATE BILL 615

By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 3 relative to starting a fire through criminal negligence that causes the death of a third person.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section ___.

(a) It is an offense for a person, through criminal negligence, to start or cause a fire to start that causes the death of a third party.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section is not violated if the person starting or causing the fire to start is a minor or otherwise incompetent.

(c) A violation of this section is a Class E felony.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999, the public welfare requiring it.