

HOUSE BILL 173
By McKee

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 38, Part 1, relative to the notification of crime victims of the release of certain appellate court opinions.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-38-110, is amended by adding the following new subsection (a)(8):

(8) Publication of an appellate court opinion in the defendant's case and, in order to facilitate notification of such publication to the victim, all Tennessee appellate courts shall provide the state and the defendant's counsel with a copy of such opinion at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to its being made public.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to all applicable appellate court opinions published on or after such date.