

SENATE BILL 2217
By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 13, relative to certain offenses committed
against unborn children.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-107, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) For purposes of this part, "another," "individual," "individuals," and "another person" includes an unborn child at every stage of gestation from conception until live birth when any such term refers to the victim of any act made criminal by the provisions of this part.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to amend the provisions of § 39-15-201, or §§ 39-15-203 - 39-15-205 and 39-15-207.

(c) It is the legislative intent that this section shall in no way affect abortion which is legal in Tennessee. This section shall in no way apply to acts which are committed pursuant to usual and customary standards of medical practice during diagnostic or therapeutic treatment.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-214, is amended deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

a) For purposes of this part, "another" and "another person" includes an unborn child at every stage of gestation from conception until live birth when any such term refers to the victim of any act made criminal by the provisions of this part.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to amend the provisions of § 39-15-201, or §§ 39-15-203 - 39-15-205 and 39-15-207.

(c) It is the legislative intent that this section shall in no way affect abortion which is legal in Tennessee. This section shall in no way apply to acts which are committed pursuant to usual and customary standards of medical practice during diagnostic or therapeutic treatment.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.