

HOUSE BILL 3647

By Camper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6,
Chapter 54, Part 1, relative to sanitation.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-54-113(d), is amended by adding the following language as new, appropriately designated subdivisions:

(3) Pursuant to the rules, regulations, or ordinances enacted under the authority provided by this chapter, corporate authorities of each municipality may hold responsible for maintaining and securing a vacant property:

(A) Any owner of property;

(B) Any previous owner of property who conveyed the property during the time it was vacant and failed to comply with any ordinance regarding the registration of vacant property, any trust beneficiary, or other trustee who holds a deed of trust on the property;

(C) Any mortgagee who holds a mortgage on the property; and

(iv) Any assignee of any such owner, beneficiary, trustee, or mortgagee.

(4) A municipality may establish an ownership registry for buildings that have been vacant in excess of thirty (30) days, and establish other registration requirements to insure that a registry is created to establish a means for the municipality to legally serve notice and execute service of process by serving or providing notice to the registered agent or person currently on file with the registry.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.