

HOUSE BILL 714

By Hall

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section
40-11-318, relative to bounty hunters.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-318, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

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(1) No bounty hunter shall wear, carry, or display any uniform, badge, shield, card, or other item with any printing, insignia, or emblem that purports to indicate that such bounty hunter is an employee, officer, or agent of any state or federal government or any political subdivision of any state or federal government.

(2) If a bounty hunter, when acting as a bounty hunter, elects to wear a uniform, then the outside clothing of the uniform shall identify the bounty hunter as a bounty hunter and not as a law enforcement officer. The item of clothing shall contain the words "bail enforcement agent" written or imprinted on both the chest and the back of the clothing and shall meet the following requirements:

(A) The wording on the back shall be at least three (3) inches in height;

(B) The wording on the chest shall be at least two (2) inches in height; and

(C) The wording shall be in a color that contrasts with the color of the item of clothing.

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