

Amendment No. 1 to SB0264

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 264

House Bill No. 156*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-411, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a) A person who knowingly destroys, injures, interrupts, or interferes with critical infrastructure or its operation commits the offense of critical infrastructure vandalism.

(b) As used in this section, "critical infrastructure" includes, but is not limited to, the infrastructure of the following services to the general public:

(1) Telephone, telegraph, television, internet, or other telecommunication services;

(2) Electric, heat, natural gas, or other power or energy services;

(3) The distribution of crude or refined liquid petroleum products or natural gas, and the pipelines, pumping stations, terminals, and equipment necessary for operation of the facility;

(4) Water, wastewater, or sewer services; and

(5) Railroads and other transportation services.

(c) The critical infrastructure of a utility or company is included in this section whether the critical infrastructure is in operation, idle, or under construction.

(d) A violation of this section shall be punished as theft under § 39-14-103, and graded in accordance with § 39-14-105. However, in no event shall punishment for a violation of this section be less than a Class E felony.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.