

SENATE BILL 1836

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 24, Chapter 7; Title 38 and Title 40, relative to criminal investigations.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 17, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A law enforcement officer shall not alter, including manually or by use of a computer program, a photograph of a suspect prior to presenting the photograph to a witness of crime as part of a police lineup. Alteration of a photograph includes the addition or removal of tattoos or distinctive markings.

(b) In a criminal proceeding, the fact that a witness identified a suspect from a police lineup of photographs is not admissible if the police lineup included an altered photograph of the suspect.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.