

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 416**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2191**

**By Kyle, Burks, Woodson, Marrero, Norris, Kurita**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 2248**

**By Ferguson, Odom, Overbey, Hardaway, McManus, Moore, Sontany, Curt Cobb, Brown, Gilmore, Pruitt, Eldridge, Fraley, McDonald, Ulysses Jones, Miller, Lois DeBerry, Coleman, Armstrong, Towns Vaughn, Lollar, DuBois, Winningham, Hawk, Todd, Harrison, Roach, West, Montgomery, Jim, Cobb, Harry Brooks, Campfield, Hensley, Casada**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title, Hood, Fitzhugh, Matheny, Bibb, Tindell, Litz, Yokley, Coley, Williams, Bone, Shaw, Pitts, Watson, Fincher, Hackworth, Favors, Gresham, Windle, Curtis Johnson, 71, Chapter 6, Part 1, relative to the penalty for the unlawful abuse of an adult.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-6-117, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) It is an offense for any person to knowingly, other than by accidental means, abuse, neglect or exploit any adult within the meaning of the provisions of this part.

(b) A violation of this section is a Class E felony.

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

**PASSED: June 4, 2007**

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 11th day of June 2007**



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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR