

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 359

SENATE BILL NO. 836

By McNally, Burchett, Barnes, Beavers, Berke, Black, Bunch, Burks, Crowe, Faulk, Finney, Ford, Gresham, Harper, Haynes, Henry, Herron, Jackson, Johnson, Ketron, Kyle, Marrero, Norris, Overbey, Southerland, Stanley, Stewart, Tate, Tracy, Watson, Yager, Mr. Speaker Ramsey

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1707

By Curtiss, Hardaway, Evans, Roach, Ford, Ty Cobb, Curtis Johnson, Yokley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, Chapter 25, Part 11, relative to protection of personal rights.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 47-25-1106(d), is amended by designating the current language as (d)(1) and by adding the following language as a new (d)(2):

() An individual is entitled to recover three (3) times the amount to which the individual is entitled under subdivision (1), plus reasonable attorney fees, if a person knowingly uses or infringes the rights of a member of the armed forces in violation of this part. For the purposes of this subsection, "member of the armed forces" means a member of the United States Armed Forces or a member of a reserve or Tennessee National Guard unit who is in, or was called into, active service or active military service of the United States, as defined in § 58-1-102.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 21, 2009



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 5th day of June 2009



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR