



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 197

HOUSE BILL NO. 1134

By Representative Harry Brooks

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 818

By Senators Crowe, Ford, Marrero

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2; Title 4; Title 5; Title 8; Title 10; Title 37; Title 48; Title 49; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68; Title 70 and Title 71, relative to replacing anachronistic terms for disabilities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-104(b)(1) and (b)(2), are amended by deleting the language "mental retardation" wherever it occurs and by substituting instead the language "intellectual disability", and deleting the word "retardation" and substituting instead the word "disability".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-107(a)(14), is amended by deleting the language "Mental retardation" and by substituting instead the language "Intellectual disability".

SECTION 3. For purposes of each provision amended by this act, a reference to intellectual disability shall be considered to refer to mental retardation, as defined by that provision on the day before the date of enactment of this act.

SECTION 4. Nothing in this act shall be construed to alter or otherwise affect the eligibility for services or the rights or responsibilities of individuals covered by the provision on the day before the date of enactment of this act.

SECTION 5. 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 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: APRIL 28, 2011


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 12th day of May 2011


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR