



**State of Tennessee**  
**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1003**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 3365**

**By Representatives Rich, Lollar, Hardaway, Harry Brooks, Evans, Moore, Favors, Roach, Watson, Todd**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2836**

**By Senators Faulk, Marrero**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7; Title 39; Title 40 and Title 65, relative to interference with emergency calls.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 21, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

65-21-117.

(a) An individual commits an offense if the individual knowingly prevents another individual from placing a telephone call to 911 or from requesting assistance in an emergency from a law enforcement agency, medical facility, or other agency or entity the primary purpose of which is to provide for the safety of individuals.

(b) An individual commits an offense if the individual intentionally renders unusable a telephone that would otherwise be used by another individual to place a telephone call to 911 or to request assistance in an emergency from a law enforcement agency, medical facility, or other agency or entity, the primary purpose of which is to provide for the safety of individuals.

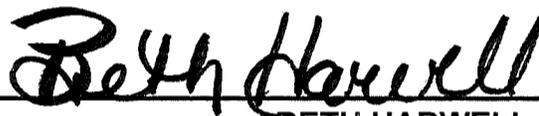
(c) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

(d) In this section, "emergency" means a condition or circumstance in which any individual is or is reasonably believed by the individual making a telephone call to be in fear of imminent assault or in which property is or is reasonably believed by the individual making the telephone call to be in imminent danger of damage or destruction.

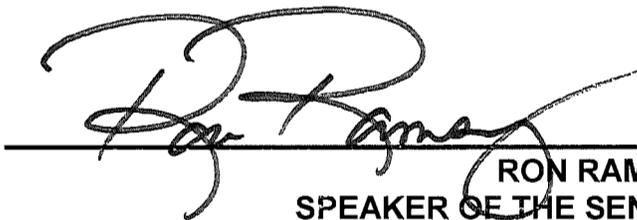
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: APRIL 25, 2012



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR