



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1006

HOUSE BILL NO. 3517

By Representatives Evans, Rich, Dean, Faison, Don Miller, Butt

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3412

By Senators Beavers, Bell, Gresham, Roberts

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, relative to offenses involving a fetus.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-214, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and substituting in its place the following:

(a) For the purposes of this part, "another" and "another person" include a human embryo or fetus at any stage of gestation in utero, when any such term refers to the victim of any act made criminal by this part.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-214, is amended by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety and substituting in its place the following:

(c) Nothing in subsection (a) shall apply to any act or omission by a pregnant woman with respect to an embryo or fetus with which she is pregnant, or to any lawful medical or surgical procedure to which a pregnant woman consents, performed by a health care professional who is licensed to perform such procedure.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-107, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and substituting in its place the following:

(a) For the purposes of this part, "another," "individuals," and "another person" include a human embryo or fetus at any stage of gestation in utero, when any such term refers to the victim of any act made criminal by this part.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-107, is amended by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety and substituting in its place the following:

(c) Nothing in subsection (a) shall apply to any act or omission by a pregnant woman with respect to an embryo or fetus with which she is pregnant, or to any lawful medical or surgical procedure to which a pregnant woman consents, performed by a health care professional who is licensed to perform such procedure.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: APRIL 23, 2012



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 10th day of May 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR