



**State of Tennessee**  
**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1008**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 3808**

**By Representatives Hill, Evans, Pody, Faison, Rich, Todd, Hensley, Holt, Gotto, Eldridge, Coley, Maggart, Shipley, Ragan Watson, Niceley, Butt, Cobb, Ryan Williams, Sexton, Hurley, Curtis Johnson, Halford, Hall, White, Elam, Kevin Brooks, Dean, McManus, Lundberg, Forgety, Carr, Sanderson, Ford, Weaver, Dunn, Harry Brooks, Wirgau, Powers, Roach**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3323**

**By Senators Beavers, Bell, Gresham, Roberts**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 10, Part 3; Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 2 and Title 68, relative to abortion.

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Life Defense Act of 2012."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-202, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(h)

(1) A physician may not perform an abortion unless the physician has admitting privileges at a hospital licensed under title 68 that is located:

(A) In the county in which the abortion is performed; or

(B) In a county adjacent to the county in which the abortion is performed.

(2) The physician who performs an abortion or a health care provider licensed pursuant to title 63 under the supervision of the physician shall notify the patient of the location of the hospital at which the physician has privileges and where the patient may receive follow-up care by the physician if complications arise.

SECTION 3. Any provision of this act held to be invalid or unenforceable by its terms, or as applied to any person or circumstance, shall be construed so as to give it the maximum effect permitted by law, unless such holding shall be one of utter invalidity or unenforceability, in which event such provision shall be deemed severable herefrom and shall not affect the remainder hereof or the application of such provision to other persons not similarly situated or to other, dissimilar circumstances.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: APRIL 24, 2012



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 10th day of May 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR