



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 337

### HOUSE BILL NO. 920

**By Representatives Moody, Coley, Rogers, Littleton, Weaver, Camper, Parkinson, Gilmore, Hardaway, Miller, Lollar, Towns, Mark White**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1031**

**By Senators Kelsey, Yager, Beavers, Haile, Overbey, Stevens**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to criminal defenses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-502, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

( ) It shall not be a defense to prosecution for a violation of § 39-13-514 or § 39-13-529(a), (b)(1) or (b)(2) that the person charged was ignorant or mistaken as to the age of a minor.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-529, is amended by adding the following new subdivision (4) to subsection (b):

(4)

(A) Except as provided in subdivision (B), it is an exception to the application of this subsection that the victim is at least fifteen (15) but less than eighteen (18) years of age and the defendant is no more than four (4) years older than the victim.

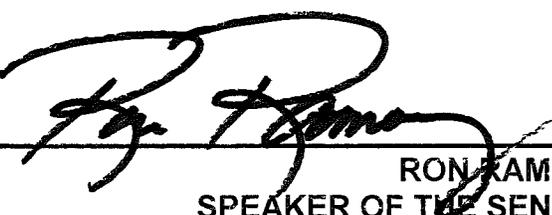
(B) Subdivision (A) shall not apply or be an exception to the application of subdivision (A), if the defendant intentionally commanded, hired, induced or caused the victim to violate this subsection (b).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.

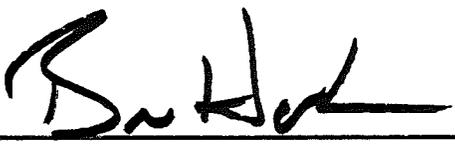
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PASSED: April 18, 2013

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR