



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 969

SENATE BILL NO. 1962

By Yarbro, Bowling, Harris, Ketron, Briggs, Dickerson, Roberts

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1779

By Coley, Matlock, Calfee, Akbari, Ragan, Matthew Hill, Pitts, Beck, Lollar, Hulsey, Rogers, Gilmore, Goins, Ramsey, Timothy Hill, Weaver, Hazlewood, Hardaway, Favors, Camper, Mark White

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 20, Chapter 14; Title 36, Chapter 3, Part 6 and Title 39, relative to stalking.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-315(a)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(1) "Course of conduct" means a pattern of conduct composed of a series of two (2) or more separate, noncontinuous acts evidencing a continuity of purpose, including, but not limited to, acts in which the defendant directly, indirectly, or through third parties, by any action, method, device, or means, follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to a person, or interferes with a person's property;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-315(a)(5)(F), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(F) Sending to that person mail or any electronic communications, including, but not limited to, electronic mail, text messages, or any other type of electronic message sent using the Internet, web sites, or a social media platform; or

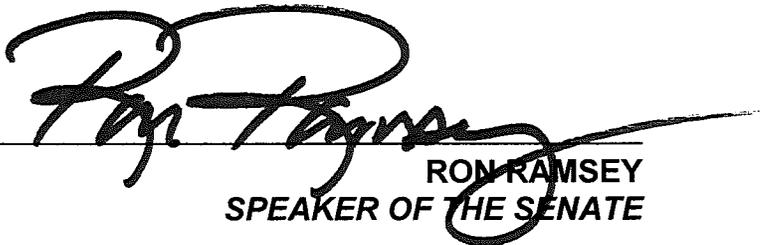
SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-315, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(l) Stalking may be prosecuted pursuant to § 39-11-103(d).

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 14, 2016



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27th day of April 2016



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR