

CHAPTER NO. 25

HOUSE BILL NO. 1262

By Representatives McMillan, Coleman

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 787

By Senator Person

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 20-5-107, relative to abatement and survival of actions.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 20-5-107, is amended by adding the following new subsection (c) and by redesignating the subsequent section accordingly:

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a parent who has intentionally refused or neglected to pay any support for a child for a two-year period, or for the life of the child, whichever is less, when subject to a court order requiring the payment of child support and who has intentionally refused or neglected to contact the child or exercise visitation during such period, shall not be permitted to recover through an action commenced pursuant to section 20-5-106 and section 20-5-107(a).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 31, 2003


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 11th day of April 2003


PHIL BREDEESEN, GOVERNOR