

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 355**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1415**

**By Representatives Watson, Dean, Maggart, Harry Brooks, Niceley, Curtis  
Johnson**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 694**

**By Senators Bunch, Marrero**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 16, Part 3, relative to criminal impersonation.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-301, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting instead the following new subsections:

(b) A person commits criminal impersonation who pretends to be a law enforcement officer for the purpose of:

(1) Engaging in an activity that is ordinarily and customarily an activity established by law as a law enforcement activity; and

(2) Causing another to believe that the person is a law enforcement officer.

(c)

(1) Criminal impersonation under subsection (a) is a Class B misdemeanor. However, if the criminal impersonation was committed to falsely obtain a driver license or photo identification license, the maximum fine of five hundred dollars (\$500) shall be imposed.

(2) Criminal impersonation under subsection (b) is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 17, 2007**

  
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JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 5th day of June 2007

  
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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR