



**State of Tennessee**  
**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 456**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1305**

**By Representatives Dean, Watson, Hardaway, Parkinson, Brown, Favors**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 837**

**By Senator Bell**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-318, relative to bounty hunters.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-318, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection thereto:

(f) Any resident of Tennessee who is a United States citizen and who intends to perform the functions of a bounty hunter as defined in subsection (a), shall submit to a criminal history background check as provided by § 38-6-109 at the sheriff's office at the county of the person's permanent residence. The person requesting the criminal history background check shall be responsible for any fees associated with the background check. The criminal background check shall include fingerprint checks against state and federal criminal records maintained by the Tennessee bureau of investigation and the federal bureau of investigation. The sheriff's office shall maintain files in their respective counties on bounty hunters requesting a criminal history background check. A sheriff may charge a fee of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each background check performed pursuant to this section and in addition to the background check fees payable to the Tennessee bureau of investigation, the federal bureau of investigation and any designated vendor. If the bounty hunter is from a state other than Tennessee, proof that the bounty hunter has completed an equivalent criminal history background check in the person's home state within the last year shall be provided to the appropriate law enforcement agency of the political subdivision where the taking will occur.

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

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PASSED: May 20, 2011

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 10th day of June 2011

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR