



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 431

SENATE BILL NO. 675

By Yager, Green, Burks, Ketron

Substituted for: House Bill No. 531

By Powers, Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 1 and Title 71, Chapter 6, Part 1, relative to disabled adults.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-6-102(1), is amended by designating the current language of the subdivision as new subdivision (A) and by adding the following language as a new subdivision (B):

(B) "Abuse or neglect" means transporting an adult and knowingly abandoning, leaving or failing to provide additional planned transportation for the adult if the adult's caretaker knows, or should know, that:

(i) The adult is unable to protect or care for himself or herself without assistance or supervision; and

(ii) The caretaker's conduct causes any of the results listed in subdivision (1)(A) or creates a substantial risk of such results;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-6-102(5), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(5) "Caretaker":

(A) Means an individual or institution who has assumed the duty to provide for the care of the adult by contract or agreement;

(B) Includes a parent, spouse, adult child or other relative, both biological or by marriage, who:

(i) Resides with or in the same building with or regularly visits the adult;

(ii) Knows or reasonably should know of the adult's mental or physical dysfunction or advanced age; and

(iii) Knows or reasonably should know that the adult is unable to adequately provide for the adult's own care; and

(C) Does not mean a financial institution as a caretaker of funds or other assets unless such financial institution has entered into an agreement to act as a trustee of such property or has been appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction to act as a trustee with regard to the property of the adult;

SECTION 3. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Lynn's Law".

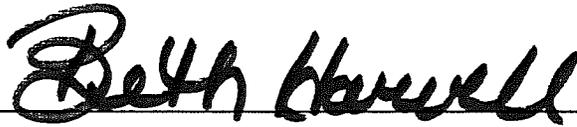
SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 18, 2013

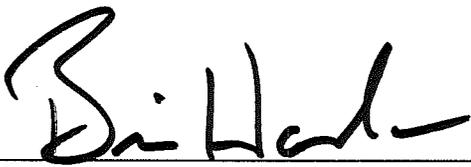


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 16th day of May 2013



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR