



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 956

SENATE BILL NO. 1811

By Niceley

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2030

By Holt, Casada

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29; Title 39, Chapter 14 and Title 40, relative to offenses against property.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-405, is amended by adding the following language as subsection (f) and by redesignating existing subsections accordingly:

(f)(1) The secretary of state shall establish a no trespass public notice list identifying employers in this state who have requested established private property rights to be recognized and recorded against a trespasser under subsection (a).

(2) To be included on the list, an employer shall provide to the secretary of state copies of appropriate documents that establish the employer's private property rights, including the address and legal description of the property to which it has legal control. An employer that records its private property rights shall pay a recording fee as determined by the secretary of state.

(3) Beginning January 15, 2015, and every January 15 and July 15 thereafter, the secretary of state shall:

(A) Make the list available to the public in the office of the secretary of state and publish the list on the web site maintained by the secretary of state; and

(B) Distribute the no trespass public notice list to every law enforcement agency in this state.

(4) Publication of the no trespass public notice list as prescribed in subdivision (3) establishes a presumption that members of the general public have notice of the establishment of private property rights of all employers and properties listed.

(5) Each law enforcement agency in this state shall maintain the most recent no trespass public notice list received from the secretary of state for its use in responding to complaints of criminal trespass under subsection (a). If a property is identified on the list, the responding law enforcement officer:

(A) Is not required to further establish an employer's property rights before taking action against a person committing criminal trespass; and

(B) May take appropriate and lawful action against a person committing criminal trespass to have such person leave the property or cease blocking ingress to or egress from the property.

(6) If the employer's property is listed on the no trespass public notice list, an owner may seek an expedited injunction to restrain repeated or continuing trespass.

(7) This subsection (f) shall not affect or limit any existing rights of an owner whose property is not included on the no trespass public notice list.

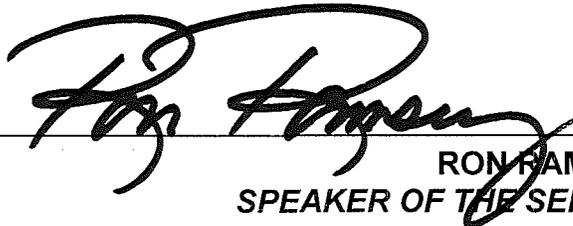
SECTION 2. The secretary of state is authorized to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this act. All rules shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 16, 2014



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR