



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 262

HOUSE BILL NO. 796

By Representatives Reedy, Pitts, Johnson, Jernigan, Terry, Hardaway

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 717

By Senator Green

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, relative to the disclosure of certain known defects on real property.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 66-5-212, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

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(1) In addition to any other disclosure required by this part, the seller shall, prior to entering into a contract with a buyer, disclose in the contract or in writing, including acknowledgment of receipt, the presence of a known sinkhole on the property.

(2) For purposes of this section, "sinkhole":

(i) Means a subterranean void created by the dissolution of limestone or dolostone strata resulting from groundwater erosion, causing a surface subsidence of soil, sediment, or rock; and

(ii) Is indicated through the contour lines on the property's recorded plat map.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to any contract entered into on or after that date.

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PASSED: April 9, 2015

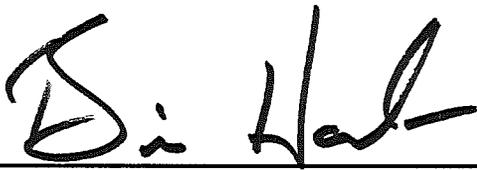


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 24th day of April 2015



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR