

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 480**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1945**

**By Harper, Raymond Finney, Marrero**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 1998**

**By Ulysses Jones**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-86-316, relative to increasing the penalty for certain types of nonemergency 911 calls.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-86-316, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new subsections:

(b) (1) An aggravated 911 nonemergency call is a nonemergency 911 call as described in subsection (a) of this section where:

(A) A single caller makes such nonemergency 911 calls in an offensively repetitious manner;

(B) The nonemergency 911 call creates a delay in the response to an emergency; or

(C) The nonemergency 911 call results in harm to person or property.

(2) An aggravated nonemergency 911 call is a Class A misdemeanor.

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

**PASSED: June 7, 2007**

  
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 21st day of June 2007**

  
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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR