

CHAPTER NO. 103

SENATE BILL NO. 178

By Crutchfield

Substituted for: House Bill No. 236

By Newton, McKee, Brenda Turner, Montgomery, Roach

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33, relative to abuse and neglect.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-2-402, is amended by adding the following definitions and renumbering the existing definitions accordingly:

( ) "Abuse" means the knowing infliction of injury, unreasonable confinement, intimidation, or punishment with resulting physical harm, pain or mental anguish.

( ) "Misappropriation of property" means the deliberate misplacement, exploitation, or wrongful, temporary or permanent use of belongings or money without consent.

( ) "Neglect" means failure to provide goods or services necessary to avoid physical harm, mental anguish, or mental illness, which results in injury or probable risk of serious harm.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-2-407(a), is amended by deleting the word "or" at the end of subdivision (2); by deleting the period at the end of subdivision (3) and substituting instead a semicolon and the word "or"; and by adding the following language as a new subdivision to be designated as follows:

"(4) Abuse, misappropriation of property or neglect."

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 28, 2003

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2003

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR