

HOUSE BILL 17

By Lamar

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
relative to minors.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-611, is amended by adding
the following as a new subsection:

(g) Any person using force intended or likely to cause death or serious bodily
injury is presumed to have held a reasonable belief that the force is immediately
necessary to avoid imminent death or serious bodily injury, if:

(1) The person is a minor at the time of use of force;

(2) The person:

(A) Is the victim of an offense under:

(i) Title 39, chapter 13, part 5;

(ii) Title 39, chapter 17, part 10; or

(iii) Section 39-13-309; or

(B) Is engaged in prostitution under § 39-13-513; and

(3) The force is used against another person who is committing an
offense listed in subdivision (g)(2)(A) and the minor is the victim of the offense or
patronizing prostitution from the minor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.