

HOUSE BILL 799

By Doggett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
Chapter 15, Part 5, relative to certain offenses  
committed against elderly or vulnerable adults.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-501(6), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(D) The use of a telephone or other electronic or communication device for the purpose of fraudulently or deceptively obtaining or attempting to obtain money, property, or another thing of value from an elderly adult;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-502, is amended by designating the language of subsection (b) as (b)(1) and adding the following new subdivision (b)(2):

(2)

(A) If the violation of this section involves financial exploitation as defined in § 39-15-501(6)(D), and the person obtains money, property, or another thing of value from an elderly adult, the value of the theft shall be the amount of money, property, or another thing of value actually obtained and the violation shall be punished two (2) classifications higher than is otherwise provided in § 39-14-105.

(B) If the violation of this section involves financial exploitation as defined in § 39-15-501(6)(D) but the person does not obtain money, property, or another thing of value from an elderly adult, the value of the theft shall be the amount of money, property, or another thing of value the person attempted to obtain and

the violation shall be punished one (1) classification higher than is otherwise provided in § 39-14-105.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.