

HOUSE BILL 1305

By Dean

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section
40-11-318, relative to bounty hunters.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 40-11-318, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection thereto:

(f) Any resident of Tennessee who is a United States citizen and who intends to perform the functions of a bounty hunter shall submit to a criminal history background check as provided by § 38-6-109 at the sheriff's office of the county of the person's permanent residence. The person requesting the criminal history background check shall be responsible for any fees associated with the background check. The person requesting the criminal history background search shall have two (2) full sets of classifiable fingerprints taken at the sheriff's office for purposes of Tennessee and federal bureau of investigation fingerprint searches. The person requesting the criminal history background search shall also present photo identification, the person's full legal name and any aliases, addresses for the last five (5) years, date of birth, social security number, and a physical description. The sheriffs' offices shall maintain files in their respective counties on bounty hunters requesting a criminal history background check. A sheriff may charge a fee of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200) for each background check performed pursuant to this section. Files on bounty hunters requesting a criminal history background check shall be subject to public inspection.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.