

SENATE BILL 258

By Massey

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-609(d)(2), is amended by adding the following as new subdivisions:

(H) To provide aerial coverage when deployed for the purpose of providing or enhancing security for an event open to the public, including, but not limited to, music concerts, athletic events, festivals, protests, and other outdoor events;

(I) To provide aerial coverage in case of a natural disaster when a state of emergency is declared;

(J) To investigate the scene of a crime that is occurring or has occurred;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-609(e)(2)(A), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(A) Be deleted within thirty (30) business days of collection unless the evidence, information, or other data is directly relevant to both the lawful reason the drone was being used and to an ongoing investigation or criminal prosecution. If the evidence, information, or other data is directly relevant to both, it must be retained and deleted by the collecting law enforcement agency in accordance with the same criteria, policies, and procedures used by the agency for evidence collected by methods other than a drone;

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