

SENATE BILL 358

By Johnson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36,
Chapter 3, Part 6, relative to orders of protection.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-605(b), is amended by redesignating the current language as subdivision (b)(1) and adding the following subdivision (b)(2):

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (b)(1), nothing shall prevent the respondent from waiving the right to a hearing within fifteen (15) days if:

(A) The respondent acknowledges that the ex parte order shall remain in effect until the hearing is held; and

(B) The court finds that the interests of justice require the continuance of the hearing.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.