

SENATE BILL 1608

By Kelsey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section  
36-1-113, relative to termination of parental rights.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-113, is amended by adding the following new subdivision to subsection (g):

(15)

(A) The parent has been convicted of or found civilly liable for attempting to cause the intentional and wrongful death of the child's other parent or legal guardian;

(B) When one (1) of the child's parents has been convicted of or found civilly liable for attempting to cause the intentional and wrongful death of the child's other parent or legal guardian, the child's surviving parent shall have standing to file a petition to terminate the parental rights of the parent attempting the intentional and wrongful death. Nothing in this section shall give a parent standing to file a petition to terminate parental rights based on grounds other than those listed in subdivision (g)(11) or this subdivision (g)(15);

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-113, is amended by deleting from subdivision (g)(11)(B) the language "in this subdivision (g)(11)" and substituting instead the language "in this subdivision (g)(11) or subdivision (g)(15)".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to petitions filed on or after that date.