

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 259**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2079**

**By Representative Maddox**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1701**

**By Senators Herron, Marrero, Burks**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 7, Part 1 and Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 1, relative to law enforcement officers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-7-107, is amended by adding the following language as new subsection (d):

(d) All members of the Tennessee highway patrol shall be provided with training in proper procedures to respond to persons with mental illnesses.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-112, is amended by deleting the punctuation "." and by substituting instead the following language: "and proper procedures to respond to persons with mental illnesses."

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

§ 38-8-119. All police officers shall be provided with training in proper procedures to respond to persons with mental illnesses.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 10, 2007**

  
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 24th day of May 2007



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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR