

HOUSE BILL 168

By McCormick

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 13, Part 1, relative to assaults.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-102, is amended by adding the following new subdivision (a)(1)(C):

(C) Knowingly commits an assault as defined in § 39-13-101, and:

(i) The assault was committed against a law enforcement officer as defined in § 39-11-106;

(ii) The law enforcement officer was discharging or attempting to discharge official duties at the time of the assault; and

(iii) The defendant knew or should have known the person assaulted was a law enforcement officer.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-102, is further amended by adding the following to subdivision (e)(1)(A):

(vii) Subdivision (a)(1)(C) is a Class E felony.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-102, is amended by deleting from subdivision (e)(1)(B) the language "subdivision (a)(1)(B)" and substituting instead the language "subdivision (a)(1)(B), subdivision (a)(1)(C)".

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.