

HOUSE BILL 786

By Littleton

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-211, relative to voluntary manslaughter.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-211, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting instead the following:

(a) Voluntary manslaughter is:

(1) The intentional or knowing killing of another in a state of passion produced by adequate provocation sufficient to lead a reasonable person to act in an irrational manner; or

(2) Causing the death of another by unlawful distribution or delivery of a controlled substance, when the controlled substance is a contributing factor in the death of the user.

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