

HOUSE BILL 1864

By Hulsey

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-101, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(1)(A) and substituting instead the following:

(A) Assault committed under subdivision (a)(1) or (a)(2) is a Class A misdemeanor. Assault committed under subdivision (a)(3) is a Class A misdemeanor if a person commits the offense by causing bodily fluids to make physical contact with another. For purposes of this subdivision (b)(1)(A), "bodily fluids" means any bodily secretion. Any other offense committed under subdivision (a)(3) is a Class B misdemeanor. If an assault is committed against a law enforcement officer or a healthcare provider acting in the discharge of the provider's duty, then the maximum fine shall be five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.