

HOUSE BILL 1949

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39;
Title 47; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to offenses
committed against elder persons.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-101(b)(1), is amended by deleting the language "law enforcement officer or a health care provider" and substituting instead the language "elder person, law enforcement officer or a health care provider".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-101(c), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(c) For purposes of this section and § 39-13-102:

(1) "Elder person" means a person who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older; and

(2) "Health care provider" means a person who is licensed, certified or otherwise authorized or permitted by the laws of this state to administer health care in the ordinary course of business in the practicing of a profession.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-102(e), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (3):

(3) Notwithstanding this section, the maximum fine shall be fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for an offense under subdivision (a)(1)(A), subdivision (a)(1)(B), subsection (c), or subsection (d) committed against an elder person as defined in § 39-13-101.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.