

HOUSE BILL 2158

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
relative to robbery.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

39-13-405.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Controlled substance" means a drug, substance, or immediate precursor in Schedules I through VII of §§ 39-17-403 – 39-17-416; and

(2) "Pharmacy" means a store, business, or any other establishment that is licensed by the state of Tennessee to possess a controlled substance for dispensing by a licensed pharmacist at retail.

(b) Pharmacy robbery is robbery as defined in § 39-13-401 of a pharmacy for the purpose of obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled substance.

(c) Aggravated pharmacy robbery is pharmacy robbery as defined in § 39-13-405(b), during the course of which:

(1) One (1) or more of the defendants employs, uses, or displays a deadly weapon or any other article or item used or fashioned to lead the pharmacist or other person in a pharmacy to reasonably believe the article or item to be a deadly weapon; or

(2) The pharmacist, or any other person in or on the premises of the pharmacy besides a defendant, suffers serious bodily injury or death as a result of the robbery or attempted robbery.

(d)

(1) Pharmacy robbery is a Class B felony.

(2) Aggravated pharmacy robbery is a Class A felony.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.