HOUSE BILL 2176

By Rich

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to criminal offenses, sentencing and criminal procedure.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-501(k)(5), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (5)(A) and by adding the following as a new subdivision (5)(B):

(B) There shall be no release eligibility for a person committing attempted first degree murder as defined in § 39-13-202 where the victim suffers serious bodily injury as defined in § 39-11-106, on or after July 1, 2014, until the person has served ninety percent (90%) of the sentence imposed by the court less sentence credits earned and retained. However, no sentence reduction credits authorized by § 41-21-236, or any other provision of law, shall operate to reduce below eighty percent (80%) the percentage of sentence imposed by the court such person must serve before becoming release eligible.

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