

HOUSE BILL 2632

By DeBerry J

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 5 and Title 40, Chapter 35, relative to rape of a child.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-531, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) Aggravated rape of a child is the unlawful sexual penetration of a victim by the defendant or the defendant by a victim, if the victim is ten (10) years of age or less.

(b) Notwithstanding title 40, chapter 35, aggravated rape of a child shall be punished by imprisonment for life.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-522, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting instead the following:

(a) Rape of a child is the unlawful sexual penetration of a victim by the defendant or the defendant by a victim, if the victim is more than ten (10) years of age but less than thirteen (13) years of age.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to offenses on or after such date.