

SENATE BILL 1477

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-102, relative to aggravated assault.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-102, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(e) There is a rebuttable presumption that strangulation causes serious bodily injury as required in subdivision (a)(1)(A). As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "strangulation" means purposely and with the extreme indifference to the value of human life using one's hands or any other means or force to attempt to impede or to impede the normal breathing of another person or the circulation of another person's blood by applying pressure on the throat or neck of that person.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.