

HOUSE BILL 1375
By Stamps

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 2, relative to the offense of and punishment for first degree murder.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-204, is amended by deleting subsection (i)(8) and substituting instead the following:

(8) The murder was committed by the defendant:

(A) While the defendant was in lawful custody or in a place of lawful confinement;

(B) During the defendant's escape from lawful custody or from a place of lawful confinement; or

(C) While the defendant was in the status of escapee from lawful custody or from a place of lawful confinement if the period of time between the defendant's escape and the murder was less than or equal to the period of time remaining on the defendant's maximum sentence imposed by the court.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997, the public welfare requiring it.

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