

SENATE BILL 2123
By McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-218, relative to creating a public duty to provide assistance to persons in an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-218, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(e) Any person, whether or not trained in any medical profession, who knows that another person is exposed to or has suffered grave physical harm must give reasonable assistance to that person if assistance can be given without danger to self or others. Reasonable assistance may include obtaining or attempting to obtain aid from law enforcement or medical personnel. A violation of this subsection is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, the public welfare requiring it.