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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-202, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting instead the following:

(a) First degree murder is:

(1) A premeditated and intentional killing of another;

(2) A killing of another committed in the perpetration of or attempt to perpetrate any first degree murder, act of terrorism, arson, rape, robbery, burglary, theft, kidnapping, aggravated child abuse, aggravated child neglect, rape of a child, aggravated rape of a child or aircraft piracy;

(3) A killing of another committed as the result of the unlawful throwing, placing or discharging of a destructive device or bomb; or

(4) A killing of another while committing domestic abuse, when the perpetrator has engaged in a past pattern of domestic abuse upon the victim or upon another family or household member and the death occurs under circumstances manifesting an extreme indifference to human life.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.