

HOUSE BILL 1868

By Russell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
Chapter 13, Part 1, relative to offenses committed  
against first responders.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-101, is amended by deleting  
subdivision (b)(1) and substituting instead the following:

(b)

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(A) Assault under:

(i) Subdivision (a)(1) is a Class A misdemeanor,  
punishable by incarceration and a fine not to exceed fifteen  
thousand dollars (\$15,000);

(ii) Subdivision (a)(2) is a Class A misdemeanor; and

(iii) Subdivision (a)(3) is a Class B misdemeanor.

(B) If an assault under subsection (a) is committed against a first  
responder listed in § 39-13-102(e)(1)(B), who is discharging or attempting  
to discharge the first responder's official duties, the assault shall be  
punished one (1) classification higher than is prescribed for the offense in  
subdivision (b)(1)(A).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.