

HOUSE BILL No. 1223

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-42-1-3.

Synopsis: Sentencing. Changes the crime of voluntary manslaughter from a Level 2 felony to a Level 1 felony.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

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January 13, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.



First Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2015)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 35-42-1-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013,
2 SECTION 413, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 3. (a) A person who knowingly or
4 intentionally:
5 (1) kills another human being; or
6 (2) kills a fetus that has attained viability (as defined in
7 IC 16-18-2-365);
8 while acting under sudden heat commits voluntary manslaughter, a
9 ~~Level 2~~ **Level 1** felony.
10 (b) The existence of sudden heat is a mitigating factor that reduces
11 what otherwise would be murder under section 1(1) of this chapter to
12 voluntary manslaughter.

