

HOUSE BILL 143

By Martin

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39  
and Title 40, relative to offenses involving  
strangulation.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-115, is amended by adding  
the following new subsection:

(d) A defendant charged with a violation of § 39-13-102 or § 39-13-116 that  
involves strangulation of the victim shall not be released on the defendant's personal  
recognizance or upon execution of an unsecured bond. The magistrate must require the  
defendant to post bail to reasonably ensure the appearance of the person as required  
and the safety of the community, in addition to any other conditions of release imposed.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.