HOUSE BILL 167

By Coley

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 adding the following new subdivision to subsection (a):

(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, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.