

HOUSE BILL 587

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-114, relative to robberies involving drugs.

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the General Assembly to protect pharmacists, pharmacy staff members, patients, and citizens in licensed pharmacies located within this state by deterring the occurrence of illegal drug activities. The addition of a new enhancement factor to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-114, as it pertains to the commission of robbery-based offenses occurring on the premises of licensed pharmacies, is necessary to serve as a deterrent to such unacceptable conduct; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-114, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() The defendant committed the offense of robbery pursuant to § 39-13-401, aggravated robbery pursuant to § 39-13-402, or especially aggravated robbery pursuant to § 39-13-403, on the premises of a licensed pharmacy in an effort to unlawfully obtain, sell, give, or exchange a controlled substance, controlled substance analogue, or other illegal drug;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to offenses committed on or after that date.