

HOUSE BILL 1735

By Vaughan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 13, relative to assault against certain
persons.

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

SECTION 1. This act is known and may be cited as the "Dr. Benjamin Mauck Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-116, is amended by deleting "nurse" wherever it appears in subsections (a) and (b) and substituting instead "healthcare provider".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-116, is amended by deleting "nurse's" wherever it appears and substituting instead "healthcare provider's".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-116, is amended by deleting subdivision (d)(2) and substituting:

(2) "Healthcare provider" means:

(A) A nurse licensed pursuant to title 63, chapter 7;

(B) A physician licensed pursuant to title 63, chapter 6 or 9; or

(C) A hospital employee who is discharging or attempting to discharge

the employee's official duties in a hospital emergency department.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to acts committed on or after that date.