

HOUSE BILL 1880

By Powers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
Chapter 13, Part 1, relative to assault of a public  
servant.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 1, is amended by  
adding the following as a new section:

39-13-116.

(a) As used in this section, "public servant" means:

- (1) Law enforcement officer;
- (2) Firefighter;
- (3) Medical fire responder;
- (4) Paramedic;
- (5) Emergency medical technician;
- (6) Health care provider; or
- (7) Any other first responder.

(b) A person commits the offense of assault of a public servant who commits an  
assault under § 39-13-101 and at the time of the assault:

- (1) The person knew or reasonably should have known that the victim of  
the assault was a public servant; and
- (2) The victim was discharging or attempting to discharge official duties  
as a public servant.

(c) Assault of a public servant is a Class C felony.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-102, is amended by deleting subdivision (e)(1)(B) in its entirety.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.