

HOUSE BILL 7022

By Davis A

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
relative to mass violence.

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 new section:

(a) A person commits an offense who knowingly threatens to commit an act of mass violence against another and frightens the other person.

(b)

(1) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2), a violation of subsection (a) is a Class E felony.

(2) If the defendant threatened to commit an act of mass violence against the other person due to the person's status as a healthcare provider who performs abortions, then the violation of subsection (a) is a hate crime and must be punished one (1) classification higher than otherwise provided.

(c) As used in this section:

(1) "Healthcare provider" means healthcare professionals, establishments, or facilities licensed, registered, certified, or permitted pursuant to title 63 or title 68 and regulated under the authority of either the department of health or an agency, board, council, or committee attached to the department of health; and

(2) "Mass violence" means the same as provided in § 39-16-517.

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