

SENATE BILL 612

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 1, relative to creating certain criminal offenses involving assault.

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 language as new, appropriately designated sections thereto:

Section 39-13-1\_\_.

(a) A person commits an assault on a bus operator when:

(1) The person commits assault as defined in § 39-13-101(a); and

(2) The assault occurred while the victim was on duty and operating a bus, and at a time when the bus was occupied by one (1) or more persons.

(b) A violation of subsection (a) is a Class E felony.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude prosecution and conviction under any other applicable statute.

Section 39-13-1\_\_.

(a) A person commits aggravated assault on a bus operator when:

(1) The person commits aggravated assault as defined in § 39-13-102(a);

and

(2) The assault occurred while the victim was on duty and operating a bus, and at a time when the bus was occupied by one (1) or more persons.

(b) A violation of this section is a Class D felony.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude prosecution and conviction under any other applicable statute.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.