SENATE BILL 1045

By Kelsey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to criminal offenses and criminal procedure.

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, appropriately designated section:

(a) A person commits especially aggravated assault who:

(1)

(A) Intentionally or knowingly commits an assault as defined in §

39-13-101;

(B) Causes serious bodily injury to another; and

(C) Uses or displays a deadly weapon; or

(2)

(A) Recklessly commits an assault as defined in § 39-13-

101(a)(1);

- (B) Causes serious bodily injury to another; and
- (C) Uses or displays a deadly weapon.

(b) Especially aggravated assault under subdivision (a)(1) is a Class B felony.

Especially aggravated assault under subdivision (a)(2) is a Class C felony.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to offenses committed on or after the effective date of this act.