

SENATE BILL 2657

By White

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 5, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

**39-13-536.**

(a) A person commits aggravated patronizing prostitution when, knowing that the person is infected with HIV, the person patronizes prostitution under § 39-13-514, and engages in sexual activity, as defined in § 39-13-512.

(b) This section does not require that HIV be transmitted to a victim in order for a person to have committed aggravated patronizing prostitution.

(c) For the purposes of this section, "HIV" means the human immunodeficiency virus or any other identified causative agent of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.

(d) Aggravated patronizing prostitution is a Class C felony.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-521(a), is amended by deleting the language "or § 39-13-532" and substituting ", § 39-13-532, or § 39-13-536".

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to acts committed on or after that date.