



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 306

SENATE BILL NO. 428

By Massey, Ketron, Dickerson, Briggs, Kyle, Overbey, Yager, Yarbro

Substituted for: House Bill No. 217

By Jones, Stewart, Weaver, Clemmons, Gilmore, Favors, Miller, Hardaway, Rogers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-102, relative to strangulation.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-102, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(1)(A)(iv) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(iv) Involved strangulation or attempted strangulation; or

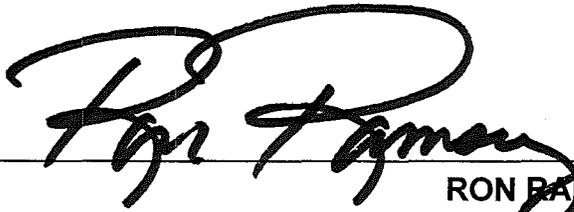
SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-102, is further amended by deleting subdivision (a)(2) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(2) For purposes of subdivision (a)(1)(A)(iv), "strangulation" means intentionally or knowingly impeding normal breathing or circulation of the blood by applying pressure to the throat or neck or by blocking the nose and mouth of another person, regardless of whether that conduct results in any visible injury or whether the person has any intent to kill or protractedly injure the victim.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 15, 2015



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 24th day of April 2015



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR