



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 155

HOUSE BILL NO. 5

By Representatives Gillespie, Cepicky, Leatherwood, Vaughan, Alexander, Doggett, Moody, White, Russell, Brock Martin, Bricken, Freeman, Hazlewood, Garrett, Tim Hicks, Littleton, Campbell, Davis, Gant, Vital, Lamberth, Sherrell, Whitson, Mr. Speaker Sexton, Hardaway, Helton-Haynes

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 18

By Senators Taylor, Bowling, Rose

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to certain offenses against persons.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-305(b), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(3) Notwithstanding title 40, chapter 35, a person convicted of a violation of this section shall be punished as a Range II offender; however, the sentence imposed upon such person may, if appropriate, be within Range III but in no case shall it be lower than Range II.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-502(b), is amended by redesignating the subsection as subdivision (b)(1) and adding the following new subdivision:

(2) Notwithstanding title 40, chapter 35, a person convicted of a violation of this section shall be punished as a Range II offender; however, the sentence imposed upon such person may, if appropriate, be within Range III but in no case shall it be lower than Range II.

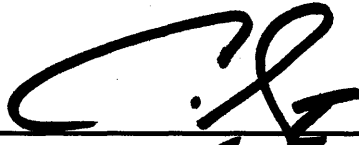
SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-503(b), is amended by redesignating the subsection as subdivision (b)(1) and adding the following new subdivision:

(2) Notwithstanding title 40, chapter 35, a person convicted of a violation of this section shall be punished as a Range II offender; however, the sentence imposed upon such person may, if appropriate, be within Range III but in no case shall it be lower than Range II.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 6, 2023



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 21st day of April 2023



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR