



The Weekly Update

Tennessee General Assembly

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House Bill 2568

I am happy to say the Tennessee House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed HB 2568 which I reported on last week. This bill adds aggravated rape of a child to the list of sexual offenses for which an offender must be sentenced to community supervision for life.

Unfortunately, the world we live in today is filled with people willing to do harm to their fellow man or woman, even our children. This legislation helps to make sure that a predator who is convicted of aggravated rape of a child will always be monitored under community supervision and never allowed to wander our streets unsupervised again. The bill now goes to the Governor for his signature.

House Bill 2813

This week House Bill 2813 was presented before the Criminal Practice Subcommittee. This bill will more than double the minimum amount of time served for aggravated robbery from 30 to 75 percent. We are all tired of hearing stories on the news of violent criminals being released early just to strike again. We just cannot continue to have a revolving door for criminals and this is a step in the right direction.

Some of the bills coming up in committee next week are:

HB 3127 by Shepard: Would increase the range of civil penalty that may be charged to health care providers who render excessive or inappropriate services to injured workers.

HB 3108 by Jones: Would increase unemployment benefits by \$50.00 per week

HB 2821 by Cobb: Would create within the T.B.I. a "Criminal Gang Offender Registry"

Don't forget Daylight Savings Time begins this weekend, and please call me if I may assist you or if you have questions or comments about legislation.

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