

**No. 16. An act relating to aggravated murder for killing a firefighter or an emergency medical provider.**

(H.321)

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 2311 is amended to read:

§ 2311. AGGRAVATED MURDER DEFINED

(a) A person is guilty of aggravated murder if he or she commits a first or second degree murder, as defined in section 2301 of this title, and at the time of his or her actions, one or more of the following circumstances was in fact present:

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(7) The victim of the murder was known by the person to be a firefighter, a member of emergency medical personnel as defined in 24 V.S.A. § 2651(6), a person employed in any capacity in or about a correctional facility, or a law enforcement officer, and was performing his or her official duties.

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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Date Governor signed bill: May 6, 2019