

SENATE BILL No. 54

By Committee on Judiciary

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AN ACT concerning crimes, criminal procedure and punishment; creating the crime of negligent homicide and prescribing penalties therefor.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) Negligent homicide is causing the death of a human being by criminal negligence.

(b) Negligent homicide is a severity level 7, person felony.

(c) As used in this section, "criminal negligence" means the failure to perceive a substantial and unjustifiable risk that an act or omission may cause or contribute to the injury or death of a human being. The risk shall be of such nature and degree that the failure to perceive such risk constitutes a gross deviation from the standards of care that a reasonable person would observe in the situation.

(d) The provisions of this section shall be part of and supplemental to the Kansas criminal code.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.