

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1045

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KEATHLEY.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 565.020, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the offense of murder in the first degree, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 565.020, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 565.020, to read as follows:

565.020. 1. A person commits the offense of murder in the first degree if he or she knowingly causes the death of another person after deliberation upon the matter **or if he or she knowingly delivers or distributes fentanyl or carfentanil, or any derivative or combination thereof, and death results from the use of such substances.**

2. The offense of murder in the first degree is a class A felony, and, if a person is eighteen years of age or older at the time of the offense, the punishment shall be either death or imprisonment for life without eligibility for probation or parole, or release except by act of the governor. If a person has not reached his or her eighteenth birthday at the time of the commission of the offense, the punishment shall be as provided under section 565.033.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.