

SENATE BILL 902

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17; Title 54 and Title 55, relative to obstruction of public highways and streets.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-307(c), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and adding the following as a new subdivision (2):

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (c)(1), the fine imposed for any person who is obstructing a highway or street in violation of subdivision (a)(1) shall be two hundred dollars (\$200) if, at the time of the violation, the person obstructs an emergency vehicle from accessing the highway or street, or highway's or street's right-of-way. As used in this subdivision (c)(2), "emergency vehicle" means any vehicle of a governmental department or public service corporation when responding to an emergency, any vehicle of a police or fire department, and any ambulance.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.