

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 902

HOUSE BILL NO. 1015

By Representatives Faison, Grills, Hazlewood, McCalmon, White, Hardaway

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 915

By Senator Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 23 and Title 66, relative to motor vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, is amended by adding the following as a new chapter:

66-38-101.

- (a) As used in this section:
 - (1) "Motor vehicle":
 - (A) Means a self-propelled vehicle that is designed for use upon the highway, including trailers and semitrailers designed for use with the vehicle, and every vehicle that is propelled by electric power obtained from overhead wires but not operated upon rails, except traction engines, road rollers, and farm tractors; and
 - (B) Does not include a motorized bicycle as defined in § 55-8-101; and
- (2) "Person" includes a natural person, firm, association, corporation, or partnership.
- (b) Persons engaged in the business of towing and storing motor vehicles or storing motor vehicles that have been towed may remove and secure a firearm left in a stored motor vehicle if the firearm can be removed without causing damage to the motor vehicle. If removed, the firearm must be tagged or logged in a manner to tie it to the vehicle from which it was removed, and the firearm must be stored at the business in a firearm safe or other type of secure storage. The business shall notify the owner of the vehicle when a firearm is removed and secured, and such notice must include information regarding how the firearm may be retrieved.

SECTION 2. If Senate Bill 1692 / House Bill 1731 becomes law, the Tennessee Code Commission is directed to transfer the language from § 66-38-101 in SECTION 1 of this act to the newly created title 55, chapter 31, part 4, as a new section, as of July 1, 2024, at 12:01 a.m.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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