

HOUSE BILL 2741

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39;
Title 40; Title 47, Chapter 18 and Title 55, relative
to remote vehicle disabling technology.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, is amended by adding
the following as a new part:

39-14-1001.

As used in this part, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Government entity" means any branch, department, agency,
commission or instrumentality of state government, any official or other person
acting under color of state law, or any political subdivision of the state;

(2) "Passenger motor vehicle" means any vehicle driven or drawn by
mechanical power manufactured primarily for use on the public streets, roads,
and highways that is ten (10) model years old or less, including a multipurpose
passenger vehicle or light duty truck when that vehicle or truck is rated at not
more than nine thousand pounds (9,000 lbs.) gross vehicle weight;

(3) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, association,
government entity, or public or private organization of any character, including
another agency who engages in business as, or serves in the capacity of, or acts
as a manufacturer, distributor, factory branch, distributor branch, factory
representative, distributor representative, motor vehicle dealer, motor vehicle
salesperson, or automobile auction; and

(4) "Remote vehicle disabling technology":

(A) Means any application or device, including software, firmware, and hardware that, when activated or engaged, allows a person to disable the operation of a motor vehicle; and

(B) Does not include an ignition interlock device as defined in § 55-10-411(h).

39-14-1002.

(a) It is an offense for a person to:

(1) Manufacture, distribute, possess with the intent to distribute, or use remote vehicle disabling technology that is capable of being:

(A) Activated or engaged by a passenger motor vehicle manufacturer or government entity; and

(B) Installed on a passenger motor vehicle;

(2) Install vehicle disabling technology on a passenger motor vehicle remote that is capable of being activated or engaged by the vehicle manufacturer or a government entity; or

(3) Sell a passenger motor vehicle on which remote vehicle disabling technology has been installed that is capable of being activated or engaged by the vehicle manufacturer or a government entity.

(b) A person who violates subsection (a) commits a Class E felony, punishable only by a fine of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

(c) Each occurrence in which a person uses remote vehicle disabling technology to disable a passenger motor vehicle is a separate offense.

(d) A person licensed under title 55, chapter 17, part 1, who commits an offense under this section is subject to the revocation of the license.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-17-114(a)(1), is amended by adding the following subdivision:

(l) The applicant or licensee has been convicted of an offense under title 39, chapter 14, part 10;

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.