

SENATE BILL 129

By Haile

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
Chapter 16, Part 6, relative to evading arrest.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-603, is amended by deleting subdivisions (a)(3) and (b)(3) and adding the following as a new subsection:

(d)

(1) A violation of subsection (a) is a Class A misdemeanor.

(2)

(A) A violation of subsection (b) is a Class E felony and shall be punished by confinement for not less than thirty (30) days.

(B) If the flight or attempt to elude creates a risk of death or injury to innocent bystanders, pursuing law enforcement officers, or other third parties, a violation of subsection (b) is a Class D felony and shall be punished by confinement for not less than sixty (60) days.

(3) A violation of subsection (a) or (b) that results in serious bodily injury to a law enforcement officer is a Class C felony.

(4) A violation of subsection (a) or (b) that results in the death of a law enforcement officer is a Class A felony.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-603(b)(4), is amended by deleting the language "the penalty prescribed in this subsection (b)" and substituting the language "the penalty prescribed in subsection (d)".

SECTION 3. This act is known and may be cited as the "Spencer Bristol Act."

SECTION 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.