

SENATE BILL 2645

By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40
and Title 55, Chapter 10, relative to reckless
driving.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-209(b), is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting:

(b) A violation of this section is:

(1) For a first offense, a Class A misdemeanor; and

(2) For a second or subsequent offense, a Class E felony. In addition to any criminal penalty, the court shall order a person convicted for a second or subsequent offense to complete a driver education course approved by the department of safety, and the person shall have their driver license suspended for at least six (6) months but not more than one (1) year.

(c) Notwithstanding another law to the contrary, the motor vehicle used in the commission of a person's second or subsequent offense under this section must be seized and forfeited in accordance with title 40, chapter 33, part 2 and crushed, destroyed, or sold. Only POST-certified or state-commissioned law enforcement officers are authorized to seize vehicles pursuant to this section.

(d) In addition to the penalty authorized by subsection (b), the court shall assess a fine of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to be collected as provided in § 55-10-412(b) and distributed as provided in § 55-10-412(c).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-33-201, is amended by inserting the language "§ 55-10-209(c)," after the language "§ 47-25-1105,".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-33-210(a), is amended by inserting the language "55-10-209(c)," after the language "§ 47-25-1105,".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-33-211(a)(1), is amended by inserting the language "§ 55-10-209(c)," after the language "§ 47-25-1105,".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-33-214, is amended by inserting the language "§ 55-10-209(c)," after the language "§ 47-25-1105,".

SECTION 6. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.