

SENATE BILL 2685

By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39  
and Title 55, relative to drivers failing to exercise  
due care.

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

SECTION 1. This act is known and may be cited as "Roger's Law".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-136, is amended by deleting subsection (c) and substituting instead the following:

(c)

(1) Except as provided in subdivisions (c)(2) and (3), a violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

(2) A violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor if the violation results in serious bodily injury to another person. As used in this section, "serious bodily injury" has the same meaning as defined in § 55-8-197.

(3) A violation of this section is a Class E felony if the violation results in the death of another person.

(d) The court shall send the department a record of a conviction under subdivision (c)(2) or (c)(3). The court shall indicate on the record or abstract whether the violation resulted in serious bodily injury of another or death of another.

(e) Upon conviction, the court may revoke the license or permit to drive and any nonresident operating privilege of a person convicted under subdivision (c)(2) or (c)(3) for a period of up to six (6) months if the violation results in serious bodily injury of another, and up to one (1) year if the violation results in death of another.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.