

SENATE BILL 640

By Roberts

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-103, relative to the offense of reckless endangerment.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-103, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(4) and substituting instead the following:

(4) Reckless endangerment by leaving a loaded, unsecured firearm in such a manner that it endangers the life or health of a child less than fourteen (14) years of age is a Class A misdemeanor.

(5) Reckless endangerment by knowingly authorizing a child less than twelve (12) years of age to use a firearm is a Class B misdemeanor unless the child is under the supervision of an adult. As used in this subdivision (b)(5), "adult" means a parent, guardian, person standing in loco parentis to the child, or a person twenty-one (21) years of age or older who has the permission of the parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis to supervise the child in the use of a firearm.

(6) In addition to the penalty authorized by this subsection (b), the court shall assess a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to be collected as provided in § 55-10-412(b) and distributed as provided in § 55-10-412(c).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.