

HOUSE BILL 981

By Gillespie

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13 and Title 55, Chapter 10, Part 2, relative to reckless endangerment.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-103(b), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (5):

(5) Reckless endangerment by discharging a firearm from within a motor vehicle, as defined by § 55-1-103, during a road rage incident is a Class D felony.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-103, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (c):

(c) As used in this section, "road rage incident" means aggressive behavior of a driver toward another driver or drivers on a public road, which may include menacing gestures, yelling, honking excessively, or throwing objects.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect on July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to violations occurring on or after that date.