

HOUSE BILL 45

By Carr

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 35, Part 5, relative to release eligibility for persons convicted of aggravated vehicular homicide.

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Ben Woodruff Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-501, is amended by adding the following language to subsection (k):

(8) There shall be no release eligibility for a person committing aggravated vehicular homicide, as defined in § 39-13-218(a), on or after July 1, 2015, until the person has served eighty-five percent (85%) of the sentence imposed by the court less sentence credits earned and retained. However, no sentence reduction credits authorized by § 41-21-236, or any other provision of law, shall operate to reduce below seventy percent (70%) the percentage of sentence such person must serve before becoming release eligible.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to acts committed on or after such date.