

HOUSE BILL 302

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17; Title 54 and Title 55, relative to restrictions on vehicular use of public highways and streets.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-139(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and adding the following as a new subdivision (2):

(2) It is an offense for an occupant of a vehicle to park, leave standing, or stop the vehicle on a street or highway and to block or impede the normal movement of traffic for the purpose of soliciting, negotiating, or consummating an employment transaction with a person standing on or in proximity to the street or highway.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-139(e), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead:

(e) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor; except, that:

(1) A person who violates subsection (c) must receive a warning citation for a first offense; and

(2) If a vehicle parked, left standing, or stopped on a street or highway in violation of subdivision (a)(2) causes or contributes to a motor vehicle accident, then a violation of this section is a Class B misdemeanor.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2025, the public welfare requiring it.