



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 64

HOUSE BILL NO. 353

By Representatives Russell, Hardaway, Helton-Haynes, Littleton

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 552

By Senators Lowe, Massey and Mr. Speaker McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 55, relative to the transportation of loose items in open beds or trailers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) This section is known and may be cited as the "Sergeant Chris Jenkins Law."

(b) A person who operates a motor vehicle upon a public roadway while transporting a ladder on the motor vehicle or in an open bed or trailer commits an offense if the ladder falls onto the roadway and causes or contributes to a motor vehicle accident.

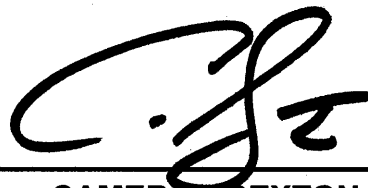
(c) This section does not alter or amend any requirements in § 65-15-111 pertaining to additional requirements for commercial motor vehicles.

(d) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor, except, that if death or bodily injury results from the motor vehicle accident, then a violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

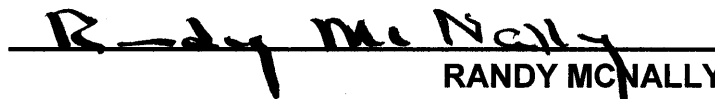
SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 13, 2023



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2023



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR