

HOUSE BILL 1891

By Helton

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39;
Title 40 and Title 55, relative to criminal law.

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 "Bethany Schklar Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-213(a), is amended by adding the following language as new subdivisions:

(5) Use of a wireless telecommunications device to write, send, or read an electronic message, in violation of § 55-8-199; or

(6) Driving at a speed of more than fifteen (15) miles per hour over the speed limit, in violation of § 55-8-152.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-213(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) and substituting instead the following:

(1) Vehicular homicide under subdivision (a)(1), (a)(3), (a)(5), or (a)(6) is a Class C felony.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-38-204(a), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subsection:

If one (1) or more identifiable victims suffered death as a result of the felony, the victim representative may read the statement in court.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to violations occurring on or after that date.