

HOUSE BILL 2501

By Towns

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39  
and Title 55, relative to aggressive driving.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 10, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) A person commits aggressive driving who, during one (1) event of continuous driving of a vehicle, with the intent to annoy, harass, molest, intimidate, injure, or obstruct another person, commits at least two (2) of the following:

- (1) Reckless driving, in violation of § 55-10-205;
- (2) Operating in the passing lane when not overtaking and passing a vehicle in a nonpassing lane, in violation of § 55-8-204;
- (3) Impeding the flow of traffic, in violation of § 55-8-154;
- (4) Overtaking on the right, in violation of § 55-8-118;
- (5) Overtaking and passing in no passing zones, in violation of § 55-8-121;
- (6) Following too closely, in violation of § 55-8-124;
- (7) Failing to operate a vehicle properly for approaching or stationary, authorized emergency vehicles, in violation of § 55-8-132;
- (8) Failing to yield to pedestrians, in violation of § 55-8-134;
- (9) Failing to signal turn, in violation of § 55-8-143;
- (10) Driving in excess of posted speed limits, in violation of § 55-8-152 or § 55-8-153;

(11) Stopping, standing or parking in prohibited places, in violation of § 55-8-160;

(12) Following fire apparatus, in violation of § 55-8-168; or

(13) Failing to obey official traffic control devices restricting usage of high occupancy vehicle lanes, in violation of § 55-8-188.

(b) A violation of subsection (a) is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by confinement for not more than eleven (11) months and twenty-nine (29) days, or a fine not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or both. If the person intends to injure another person, a violation of subsection (a) is a Class E felony.

(c) It is a defense to a violation of subsection (a) if the vehicle becomes disabled while on the highway in such a manner or to such an extent that it is impossible to avoid committing a violation of subsection (a).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.