

SENATE BILL 728

By Tate

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-205(d), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(d) A person commits an offense of reckless driving when such person operates a motor vehicle, along with one (1) or more other persons operating one (1) or more other motor vehicles, with the intent to knowingly obstruct a public street, highway, alley, parking lot, or driveway, or the premises of any private property frequented by the public at large including, but not limited to, a shopping center, trailer park, apartment house complex, residential subdivision, or any other such premises; provided that such obstruction is not due to an accident, medical emergency, or instruction from law enforcement.

(e) A violation of this section is a Class B misdemeanor; provided that, a violation of subsection (d) is punishable only by a fine of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) and mandatory suspension of the person's driver license for such time as deemed appropriate by the commissioner of safety.

SECTION 2. The commissioner of safety is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to prohibited acts occurring on or after the effective date of this act.