SENATE BILL 813

By Akbari

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to firearms.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1307, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (g):

(g)

- (1) It is an offense for a person to leave a firearm, loaded firearm, or firearm ammunition in a motor vehicle or boat that is unattended or with a person under eighteen (18) years of age if the firearm is not locked within the trunk, glove box, or interior of the person's motor vehicle or boat, or in a container securely affixed to such motor vehicle or boat.
- (2) A violation of subdivision (g)(1) is a Class A misdemeanor.

 Notwithstanding the authorized punishment for a Class A misdemeanor established in § 40-35-111(e)(1), a violation of subdivision (g)(1) is punishable only by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.