

SENATE BILL 2715

By Kyle

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 as a new subsection:

(i)

(1) It is an offense for a person to store a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, or firearm ammunition, in a motor vehicle or boat while the person is not in the motor vehicle or boat unless the firearm or firearm ammunition is kept from ordinary observation and locked within the trunk, utility or glove box, or a locked container securely affixed to the motor vehicle or boat.

(2) As used in this subsection (i):

(A) "Boat" has the same meaning as defined in subdivision

(e)(2)(A);

(B) "Motor vehicle" has the same meaning as defined in subdivision (e)(2)(A); and

(C) "Trunk" means the fully enclosed and locked main storage compartment of a motor vehicle that is not accessible from the passenger compartment, but does not include any compartment that has a window, the bed of a pickup truck, or the rear area of a hatchback, station wagon-type motor vehicle, or sport utility motor vehicle.

(3) A violation of this subsection (i) is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine only.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1313(a)(2)(B), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(B) Is stored in accordance with § 39-17-1307(i) if the person is not in the vehicle.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.