

HOUSE BILL 829

By Jones

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-103, relative to the offense of reckless endangerment.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-103, is amended by adding the following new subdivision (b)(4) and by redesignating the existing subdivision (b)(4) accordingly:

(4) Reckless endangerment committed by a person's failure to lock, secure, or otherwise store or make unavailable a firearm and ammunition for the firearm is:

(A) A Class E felony if a child younger than thirteen (13) years of age obtains possession of the firearm, discharges the firearm, and the discharge results in bodily injury or serious bodily injury to the child or to another; or

(B) A Class C felony if a child younger than thirteen (13) years of age obtains possession of the firearm, discharges the firearm, and the discharge results in the death of the child or to another.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.