

HOUSE BILL 1476

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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 kept from ordinary observation and 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 by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500), which shall be paid to the clerk of the court imposing sentence, who shall transfer it to the state treasurer, who shall credit the fine to the general fund. All fines so credited to the general fund shall be divided as follows:

(A) Fifty percent (50%) shall be deposited in the domestic violence community education fund created by § 36-3-616; and

(B) Fifty percent (50%) shall be deposited in the criminal injuries compensation fund, created under § 40-24-107.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1307, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(2)(A) and substituting the following:

(A) The first violation of subdivision (a)(1) is a Class C misdemeanor.

Notwithstanding the authorized punishment for a Class A misdemeanor established in § 40-35-111(e)(1), a violation of this section is punishable, in addition to possible imprisonment as provided by law, by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500), which shall be paid to the clerk of the court imposing sentence, who shall transfer it to the state treasurer, who shall credit the fine to the general fund. All fines so credited to the general fund shall be divided as follows:

(i) Fifty percent (50%) shall be deposited in the domestic violence community education fund created by § 36-3-616; and

(ii) Fifty percent (50%) shall be deposited in the criminal injuries compensation fund, created under § 40-24-107.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.