

HOUSE BILL 801

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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 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.