



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 121

SENATE BILL NO. 902

By Bell, Ketron

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1051

By Matlock, Rogers, Ragan, Daniel, Littleton, Sherrell, Goins, Coley, Lamberth, Mark White, Carr, Hazlewood, Alexander, Doss, Forgety, Weaver, Lollar, Crawford, Holt, Terry, Zachary, Byrd, Powers, Moody, Lynn, Keisling, Calfee

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17; Title 54 and Title 55, relative to obstruction of public highways and streets.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-307(c), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and adding the following as a new subdivision (2):

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (c)(1), an offense under subdivision (a)(1) is a Class B misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200) if, at the time of the violation, the person obstructs an emergency vehicle from accessing the highway or street, or highway's or street's right-of-way. As used in this subdivision (c)(2), "emergency vehicle" means any vehicle of a governmental department or public service corporation when responding to an emergency, any vehicle of a police or fire department, and any ambulance.

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

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PASSED: March 30, 2017




RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 12th day of April 2017



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR