

HOUSE BILL 1273

By Powell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to preventing the theft
of 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:

(g)

(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 if the person is not in
the motor vehicle or boat unless the firearm or ammunition is kept from ordinary
observation and locked within the trunk, utility or glove box, or a locked container
securely affixed to such motor vehicle or boat.

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

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

(e)(2)(A)(i);

(B) "Motor vehicle" has the same meaning as defined in § 55-1-
103; and

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

(3) A violation of subdivision (g)(1) is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500).

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(g) if the permit holder is not in the vehicle.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.