

HOUSE BILL 692

By Akbari

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 50, Part 5, relative to driver licenses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-504(a), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a)

(1) A person who drives a motor vehicle within the entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained that is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel, or the premises of any shopping center, manufactured housing complex, or apartment house complex, or any other premises frequented by the public at large at a time when the person's privilege to do so is cancelled, suspended, or revoked commits a Class B misdemeanor.

(2) A violation of (a)(1) when the person's privilege to do so is cancelled, suspended, or revoked because of a conviction for vehicular assault under § 39-13-106, vehicular homicide under § 39-13-213, or driving while intoxicated under § 55-10-401, shall be punished by confinement for not less than two (2) days nor more than six (6) months, and there may be imposed, in addition, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Convictions occurring more than ten (10) years prior to the immediate violation shall not be considered for enhancement purposes under this subdivision (a)(2); provided, however, the department shall abide by all federal rules and regulations relative to the issuance, suspension, and revocation of driver licenses and qualification of drivers.

(3) A violation of (a)(1) when the person's privilege to do so is cancelled, suspended, or revoked because of a second or subsequent conviction for vehicular assault under § 39-13-106, vehicular homicide under § 39-13-213, or driving while intoxicated under § 55-10-401 shall be punished by confinement for not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than one (1) year, and, in addition, may be subject to a fine of not more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000). Convictions occurring more than ten (10) years prior to the immediate violation shall not be considered for enhancement purposes under this subdivision (a)(3); provided, however, the department shall abide by all federal rules and regulations relative to the issuance, suspension, and revocation of driver licenses and qualification of drivers.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.