

SENATE BILL 1676
By Harper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 9,
Part 6, relative to passenger air bag restraint systems.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 9, Part 6, is amended by
adding the following as a new section to be appropriately designated:

Section ____.

(a) No passenger of a motor vehicle who is ten (10) years old or younger
or who weighs less than seventy-five (75) pounds shall ride in the front seat of a
motor vehicle equipped with a passenger-side air bag restraint system.

(b)

(1) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

(2) In addition to or in lieu of the penalty imposed under
subdivision (b)(1), persons found guilty of a first offense of violating this
section may be required to attend a court-approved offenders' class
designed to educate offenders on the hazards of not properly transporting
children in motor vehicles. A fee may be charged for such classes
sufficient to defray all costs of providing such classes.

(c) Any incorporated municipality may by ordinance adopt by reference
any of the provisions of this section, it being the legislative intent to promote the
protection of children wherever and whenever possible.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.