

SENATE BILL 1579
By Crutchfield

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 7, Part 1, relative to the use of citations in lieu of the continued custody of a person arrested for a criminal offense.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-7-118, is amended by deleting subsections (e) and (f) in their entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(e) By accepting the citation, the defendant agrees to appear at the arresting law enforcement agency either at the time of conviction, or within a reasonable time thereafter, as is ordered by the court, to be booked and processed. Failure to so appear is a Class A misdemeanor.

(f) If the person cited fails to appear in court on the date and time specified or fails to appear for booking and processing at the time ordered by the court, the court shall issue a bench warrant for such person's arrest.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.