

SENATE BILL 189

By Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section
39-16-602, relative to obstruction of justice.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-602, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting instead the following:

(d)

(1) A violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor unless the defendant uses a deadly weapon to resist the stop, frisk, halt, arrest, search or process server, in which event the violation is a Class E felony.

(2) In addition to the penalty described in subdivision (1), the court shall order the suspension of the defendant's driver license for a period of twelve (12) months if such defendant uses a motor vehicle as a deadly weapon to resist the stop, frisk, halt, arrest, search or process server.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.