

SENATE BILL 1498

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39
and Title 55, Chapter 8, relative to aggressive and
dangerous driving.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, is amended by adding the
following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 55-8-____.

(a) A person commits the offense of aggressive driving who, during one

(1) episode of continuous driving of a vehicle:

(1) Commits at least three (3) violations of the following

provisions:

(A) Overtaking on the right, in violation of § 55-8-118;

(B) Overtaking and passing in no passing zones, in
violation of § 55-8-121;

(C) Following too closely, in violation of § 55-8-124;

(D) Failing to operate a vehicle properly for approaching or
stationary, authorized emergency vehicles, in violation of § 55-8-
132;

(E) Failing to yield to pedestrians, in violation of § 55-8-
134;

(F) Failing to signal turn, in violation of § 55-8-143;

(G) Driving in excess of posted speed limits, in violation of
§§ 55-8-152 or 55-8-153;

(H) Stopping, standing or parking in prohibited places, in violation of § 55-8-160;

(I) Following fire apparatus, in violation of § 55-8-168; or

(J) Failing to obey official traffic control devices restricting usage of high occupancy vehicle lanes, in violation of § 55-8-188;
and

(2)

(A) Is a hazard to another person;

(B) Is driving without possessing a valid driver license in violation of § 55-50-301(a); or

(C) Commits a violation of subdivision (a)(1) with the intent to harass, intimidate, injure or obstruct another person.

(b) A violation of this section is a Class B misdemeanor; provided, that if the person intends to injure another person, a violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

(c) In addition to any penalty imposed pursuant to subsection (b), a person who violates this section may be sentenced to attend any available driver improvement program.

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