

SENATE BILL 251

By Green

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40; Title 55, Chapter 10 and Title 55, Chapter 12, relative to noncompliance with the Tennessee Financial Responsibility Law of 1977.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-12-139, is amended by deleting subsection (c) and substituting the following:

(c)

(1) It is an offense to fail to provide evidence of financial responsibility pursuant to this section.

(2) Except as provided in subdivision (c)(3), a violation of subdivision (c)(1) is a Class C misdemeanor punishable only by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100).

(3)

(A) A violation of subdivision (c)(1) is a Class A misdemeanor, if a person fails to provide evidence of financial responsibility following an accident resulting in bodily injury or death and such person was at fault for the accident.

(B) For purposes of subdivision (3)(A), a person is at fault for an accident if the person acted with criminal negligence, as defined in § 39-11-106, in the operation of such person's motor vehicle.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.