

SENATE BILL 1993

By Harper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39;  
Title 40 and Title 55, relative to using text  
messaging services while operating a motor  
vehicle.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-199, is amended by deleting subsection (d) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(d)

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

(2) Any person violating this section shall, upon conviction of a first offense, be subject to the imposition of a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00).

(3) Any person violating this section shall, upon conviction of a second offense, be subject to the imposition of a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

(4) Any person violating this section shall, upon conviction of either a first or second offense, be subject to the imposition of court costs, including, but not limited to, any statutory fees of officers.

(5) No state or local litigation taxes shall be applicable to a case prosecuted under this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.