

Amendment No. 1 to SB2244

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 2244**

**House Bill No. 1455\***

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 10, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1)

(A) "Compartment" means any box, container, space, or enclosure:

(i) That is intended or designed to conceal, hide, or otherwise prevent the discovery of contraband; and

(ii) That is within or attached to a motor vehicle; and

(B) "Compartment" includes any of the following:

(i) False, altered, or modified fuel tanks;

(ii) Original factory equipment of a vehicle that is modified, altered, or changed to accommodate or contain contraband; and

(iii) A box container, space, or enclosure that is fabricated, made, or created from or added to the existing structure of a vehicle;

(2) "Contraband" means any property, item, or substance which is unlawful to produce or possess under state or federal law; and

(3) "Vehicle" means any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer.

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(b) A person commits a Class E felony who knowingly possesses, uses, or controls a vehicle that has a compartment, and the compartment contains:

(1) Contraband; or

(2) Evidence of prior storage, concealment, or transportation of contraband.

(c) A person may be prosecuted and convicted for both the possession of contraband and a violation of subsection (b) if both are applicable.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.