

HOUSE BILL 1434

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 28
and Title 29, relative to electric scooters.

WHEREAS, the use of electric scooters has resulted in significant injuries requiring treatment in emergency rooms ranging from minor lacerations and bruises to broken bones, significant head injuries with permanent brain damage, and numerous deaths; and

WHEREAS, riding an electric scooter is an abnormally and inherently dangerous activity for a minor and these products are easily accessible and attractive to a minor; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 28, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a company doing business in this state for the purpose of providing dockless electric scooter rentals to the public shall be strictly liable for any injury incurred by a minor using a dockless electric scooter provided by the company regardless of whether the minor was riding the electric scooter with or without parental consent or in violation of a local ordinance.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to injuries sustained on or after that date.