

HOUSE BILL 2309

By Parkinson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-103 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to the discharge of a firearm.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-103, is amended by designating the language of subsection (a) as (a)(1) and by adding the following new subdivision (2):

(2) A person commits an offense who recklessly, and without lawful authority or necessity to do so, discharges a firearm into the air, ground, a body of water, or any object in proximity to the person if the firearm is discharged at a place of public gathering or at a public event where there are at least twenty-five (25) people in attendance at the time of the discharge.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-103, is further amended by deleting subdivision (b)(4) and adding the following:

(4) Reckless endangerment under subdivision (a)(2) is a Class C misdemeanor.

(5) Reckless endangerment under subdivision (a)(2) is a Class E felony if the discharge of the firearm results in bodily injury, serious bodily injury, or death to another.

(6) In addition to the penalty authorized by this subsection (b), the court shall assess a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to be collected as provided in § 55-10-412(b) and distributed as provided in § 55-10-412(c).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.