

SENATE BILL 2265

By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to handguns.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1307, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (g):

(g)

(1) A person shall not leave a handgun in a motor vehicle or boat that is unattended or contains only persons under eighteen (18) years of age unless:

(A) The handgun is kept from ordinary observation; and

(B)

(i) If the motor vehicle or boat is unattended, the interior of the motor vehicle or boat is secured; or

(ii) If the motor vehicle or boat contains only persons under eighteen (18) years of age, the handgun is inaccessible to the persons.

(2)

(A) A violation of subdivision (g)(1) is punishable only by civil penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00), which must be paid to the clerk of the court, who shall transfer it to the state treasurer, to be credited to the general fund.

(B) A second or subsequent violation of subdivision (g)(1) is punishable only by a civil penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100), which

must be paid to the clerk of the court, who shall transfer it to the state treasurer, to be credited to the general fund.

(C) The court may also require the person to take a handgun safety course that is approved by the department of safety, as described in § 39-17-1351(e), and may waive the civil penalty required by subdivision (g)(2)(A) upon receiving proof that the person completed the handgun safety course.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to violations occurring on or after that date.