

HOUSE BILL 7080

By Jones

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
relative to offenses of mass violence.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-103, is amended by adding the following new subdivision (b)(5) and redesignating the existing subdivision (b)(5) accordingly:

(5)

(A) Reckless endangerment committed by a person when the person fails to lock, secure, or otherwise store or make unavailable a firearm and ammunition for the firearm is:

(i) A Class E felony if a child younger than thirteen (13) years of age obtains possession of the firearm, commits an act of mass violence with the firearm, and the act of mass violence results in bodily injury or serious bodily injury to the child or another; or

(ii) A Class C felony if a child younger than thirteen (13) years of age obtains possession of the firearm, commits an act of mass violence with the firearm, and the act of mass violence results in the death of the child or another.

(B) As used in this subdivision (b)(5), an "act of mass violence" means to discharge a firearm in a manner that causes two (2) or more other persons to reasonably fear imminent bodily injury or death.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect October 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.