

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 537**

**SENATE BILL NO. 794**

**By Burchett, Marrero, Henry, Kilby, Raymond Finney**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 1335**

**By Briley, Tidwell, Dean, Bell, Bass, Sontany, Moore, Lundberg, Mike Turner, Hill,  
Lollar**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to motor vehicle accidents.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 1, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section \_\_\_\_.

(a) Any person who violates the provisions of Sections 55-8-128, 55-8-129, 55-8-130 or 55-8-131 by failing to yield the right of way as provided in such statutes and such violation results in an accident resulting in serious bodily injury to or death of any person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(b) For the purposes of this section, serious bodily injury means:

(1) Substantial risk of death;

(2) Serious disfigurement; or

(3) Protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member, organ or mental faculty.

(c)(1) A violation of subsection (a) is a Class B misdemeanor punishable by a fine of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) if the accident results in serious bodily injury of another.

(2) A violation of subsection (a) is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500) if the accident results in the death of another.

(d) The court shall send the department a record of any of the convictions of any of the sections indicated in subsection (a). The court shall indicate on such record or abstract whether the violation resulted in serious bodily injury of another or death of another.

(e) Upon conviction, the court may revoke the license or permit to drive and any non-resident operating privilege of a person convicted under this section for a period of up to six (6) months if the accident results in serious bodily injury of another and up to one (1) year if the accident results in death of another.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: June 11, 2007**

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 27th day of June 2007**

  
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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR