

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1080

HOUSE BILL NO. 919

By Representatives Watson, Maggart, Dennis, Harry Brooks, Faulkner, Camper, Hardaway, Bass, Yokley, Evans, Sontany, Weaver, Rich, Towns, Ty Cobb and Mr. Speaker Williams

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 844

By Senators Beavers, Black, Faulk, Tracy, Gresham, Bunch, Johnson, Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 10, relative to driving offenses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-403, is amended by deleting subsection (a)(3) and substituting instead the following:

(3) For purposes of this section, a person who is convicted of a violation of § 55-10-401 shall not be considered a repeat or multiple offender and subject to the penalties prescribed in subsection (a), if ten (10) or more years have elapsed between the date of the present violation and the date of any immediately preceding violation of § 55-10-401 that resulted in a conviction for such offense. If, however, the date of a person's violation of § 55-10-401 is within ten (10) years of the date of the present violation, then the person shall be considered a multiple offender and is subject to the penalties imposed upon multiple offenders by the provisions of subsection (a). If a person is considered a multiple offender under this subdivision (a)(3), then every violation of § 55-10-401 that resulted in a conviction for such offense occurring within ten (10) years of the date of the immediately preceding violation shall be considered in determining the number of prior offenses. However, a violation occurring more than twenty (20) years from the date of the instant violation shall never be considered a prior offense for that purpose.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it and shall only apply to an offender if at least one violation of § 55-10-401 occurs on or after such date.

PASSED: June 4, 2010



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23rd day of June 2010



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR