



**State of Tennessee**  
**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 737**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2466**

**By Representatives Carr, McManus, Bass, Moore, Curtiss, Matheny, Rich, Faison, Hawk, Phillip Johnson, Kevin Brooks, Sargent, Coley, Watson, Mike Turner, Fitzhugh, Towns, Evans, Lollar, Forgety**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2350**

**By Senators Beavers, Roberts, Tracy**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39; Title 40; Title 55, Chapter 10; Title 55, Chapter 12; Title 55, Chapter 50 and Title 55, Chapter 8, relative to motor vehicle offenses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 10, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

55-10-119. An officer shall detain a driver without a warrant, as provided in § 40-7-103, and bring the driver before a committing magistrate if the driver:

(1) Is involved in an accident resulting in:

(A) Serious bodily injury, as defined in § 55-50-502; or

(B) Death; and

(2) Does not have a valid driver license; and

(3) Does not have evidence of financial responsibility as required by § 55-12-139.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-7-103, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

(11) Pursuant to § 55-10-119;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-7-118(c), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) The person is subject to arrest pursuant to § 55-10-119;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-207(f), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following language as subdivision (2):

(2) This section shall not be applicable to a person who is subject to arrest pursuant to § 55-10-119.

SECTION 5. This act shall be known and referred to as the "Ricky Otts Act".

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to prohibited conduct occurring on or after the effective date of this act.

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PASSED: APRIL 2, 2012



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR