



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 433

SENATE BILL NO. 30

By Overbey, Bowling, Stevens, Norris

Substituted for: House Bill No. 45

By Carr, Haynes, Farmer, Lamberth, Hulsey, McCormick, Hardaway, Lollar, Howell, Gravitt, Kevin Brooks, Windle, Williams, Powell, Forgety, Dunlap, Lundberg, Harry Brooks, Weaver, Coley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 35, Part 5, relative to release eligibility for persons convicted of aggravated vehicular homicide.

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Ben Woodruff and Mike Locke Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-501(k), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(8)(A) There shall be no release eligibility for a person committing aggravated vehicular homicide, as defined in § 39-13-218(a), on or after July 1, 2015, until the person has served sixty percent (60%) of the sentence imposed by the court less sentence credits earned and retained. However, no sentence reduction credits authorized by § 41-21-236, or any other law, shall operate to reduce below forty-five percent (45%) the percentage of sentence such person must serve before becoming release eligible.

(B) For purposes of determining if conduct occurring on or after July 1, 2015, constitutes a violation of § 39-13-218, and if that violation is governed by this subdivision (k)(8), prior convictions for predicate offenses required by § 39-13-218 may be used regardless of when they occurred.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to acts committed on or after that date.

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PASSED: April 22, 2015



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 19th day of MAY 2015



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR