

HOUSE BILL 2031

By Barrett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
relative to obstruction of a passageway.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-307(c)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(A) Except as provided in subdivision (c)(1)(B), a violation of subdivision (a)(1) is a Class A misdemeanor.

(B) A violation of subdivision (a)(1), in which the defendant intentionally obstructs a highway, street, or other place used for the passage of vehicles or conveyances is a Class D felony.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-307, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(e) A person who suffers loss or injury as a result of a violation described in subdivision (c)(1)(B) may bring a cause of action against the person who violated subdivision (a)(1) to recover compensatory damages from the loss or injury.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.