AN ACT to amend Tennessee Annotated Code relative to underage DUI driving convictions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE 2018 TENNESSEE 4-H CONGRESS:

This act shall require all underage persons convicted for a first time DUI offense to be assigned to litter removal in their county for 7 days in addition to any monetary fines and suspensions.

SECTION 1: The drinking age in Tennessee is 21, and consumption of alcohol by anyone under 21 is illegal except for religious purposes. Because underage drinkers cause a disproportionate number of alcohol-related auto accidents, the standards are stricter and the penalties may be harsher for those under 21.

SECTION 2: If a chemical test determines that a driver under 21 has a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .02% or higher, the driver can be cited for driving under the influence (for those 21 or older, the BAC is .08%).

SECTION 3: There are some special rules for underage DUIs in Tennessee. Offenders may have to pay a fine of $250, and may be subject to a one-year driver’s license suspension and possible imprisonment for 48 hours.

SECTION 4: This act shall become effective upon passage by the legislature and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.

Passed: ____________________________

Speaker of the Senate
Tennessee 4-H Congress

Speaker of the House of Representatives
Tennessee 4-H Congress

Approved: ____________________________

Governor
Tennessee 4-H Congress