

## HB285 INTRODUCED



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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, if a minor is cited for a tobacco violation, the citing agency must notify the minor's parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian.

This bill would require a citing agency to notify a minor's parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian whenever a minor is cited for a traffic infraction.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to traffic infractions; to amend Section 12-12-56, Code of Alabama 1975; to require law enforcement to make a reasonable effort to notify the parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian when citing a minor for traffic infractions; and to provide exceptions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "TJ's Law."

Section 2. Section 12-12-56, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§12-12-56



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29 (a) No law enforcement officer or other officer or  
30 public employee shall dispose of a uniform traffic ticket and  
31 complaint, l, or any portion thereof, l, or the record of issuance  
32 thereof, l, in a manner other than as required under rules ~~or~~  
33 ~~regulations promulgated~~ adopted pursuant to this  
34 ~~subsection~~ article.

35 (b) Any person who solicits or aids in the disposition  
36 or attempted disposition of a uniform traffic ticket and  
37 complaint, l, or any portion thereof, l, in any unauthorized manner  
38 is subject to the criminal contempt power of the district or  
39 municipal court.

40 (c) If a minor under 19 years of age is cited for any  
41 traffic infraction, the citing agency shall make a reasonable  
42 effort to notify the minor's parent, legal guardian, or legal  
43 custodian of the infraction unless the minor has been  
44 emancipated by court order or operation of law. Nothing in  
45 this subsection shall impose tort liability upon a citing  
46 agency or any officer, employee, or agent of the citing  
47 agency."

48 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October  
49 1, 2025.