

SB172 INTRODUCED



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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would establish the crime of aggressive driving, which is committed when a person operates a motor vehicle with the intent to annoy, harass, molest, intimidate, injure, or obstruct another person operating a motor vehicle, and commits an enumerated offense relating to the operation of a motor vehicle.

This bill would also establish criminal penalties for a violation.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to motor vehicles; to establish the crime of aggressive driving; and to provide a criminal penalty for a violation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) A person commits the crime of aggressive driving if the operator of a motor vehicle, with the intent to annoy, harass, molest, intimidate, injure, or obstruct another person in a motor vehicle, the person does any of the following:



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29 (1) Strikes or attempts to strike another vehicle or
30 otherwise cause another vehicle to leave the roadway.

31 (2) Passes the person in a no-passing zone, in
32 violation of Section 32-5A-86, Code of Alabama 1975.

33 (3) Follows the person too closely, in violation of
34 Section 32-5A-89, Code of Alabama 1975.

35 (4) Throws any destructive or injurious material onto
36 the highway, in violation of Section 32-5A-60, Code of Alabama
37 1975.

38 (5) Unlawfully overtakes the person on the left, in
39 violation of Section 32-5A-82 or 32-5A-84, Code of Alabama
40 1975.

41 (6) Unlawfully travels below the minimum authorized
42 speed, in violation of Section 32-5A-174, Code of Alabama
43 1975.

44 (7) Engages in reckless driving, in violation of
45 Section 32-5A-190, Code of Alabama 1975.

46 (8) Unlawfully remains in the leftmost lane for more
47 than 1.5 miles without completely passing another vehicle, in
48 violation of Section 32-5A-80(d), Code of Alabama 1975.

49 (9) Brandishes a pistol or other firearm.

50 (b) A person who commits the crime of aggressive
51 driving shall be punished as follows:

52 (1) On a first violation, the person shall be guilty of
53 a Class A misdemeanor. In addition, the court shall forward a
54 record of the conviction to the Secretary of the Alabama State
55 Law Enforcement Agency and the secretary shall suspend the
56 person's license for a period of not less than 30 days.



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57 (2) On a second or subsequent conviction within a
58 10-year period, the person shall be guilty of a Class D
59 felony. In addition, the court shall forward a record of the
60 conviction to the Secretary of the Alabama State Law
61 Enforcement Agency and the secretary shall revoke the person's
62 license for a period of not less than one year pursuant to the
63 procedures of Section 32-5A-195, Code of Alabama 1975.

64 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
65 1, 2025.