

HB37 ENGROSSED



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3 By Representative Ingram
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A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

17 Section 1. Section 13A-10-52, Code of Alabama 1975, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 "§13A-10-52

20 (a) It shall be unlawful for a person to intentionally
21 flee by any means from anyone the person knows to be a law
22 enforcement officer if the person knows the officer is
23 attempting to arrest the person.

24 (b) It shall be unlawful for a person, while operating
25 a motor vehicle on a street, road, alley, or highway in this
26 state, to intentionally flee or attempt to elude a law
27 enforcement officer after having received a signal from the
28 officer to bring the vehicle to a stop.



29 (c) (1) A violation of subsection (a) or (b) is a class
30 ~~A misdemeanor~~ Class D felony.

33 a. The flight or attempt to elude causes the offender
34 to strike or collide with another vehicle or pedestrian.

35 b. The flight or attempt to elude causes physical
36 injury to any other person.

37 c. The flight or attempt to elude results in the
38 offender crossing the lines of this state into a neighboring
39 state.

40 d. During the flight or attempt to elude, a child under
41 14 years of age is present in the vehicle.

42 e. The flight or attempt to elude occurs while the
43 offender is released on bail, probation, or parole, or while
44 the offender is serving a sentence in a community corrections
45 or work release program.

46 f. At the time of the offense, the offender has a
47 previous conviction for a violation of subsection (a) or (b).

50 a. The flight or attempt to elude causes serious
51 physical injury or death to any other person.

52 b. During the flight or attempt to elude, the person
53 exceeds 20 miles per hour over the legal maximum speed limit.

54 c. During the flight or attempt to elude, the offender
55 strikes or attempts to strike a law enforcement officer or a
56 vehicle occupied by a law enforcement officer.



57 d. At the time of the offense, the offender has two or
58 more previous convictions for a violation of subsection (a) or
59 (b) .

60 (d) (1) Upon conviction for a violation of subsection
61 (a) or (b), the court shall order the suspension of the driver
62 license of the defendant for a period of not less than six
63 months nor more than two years.

64 (2) Upon a second conviction for a violation of
65 subsection (a) or (b) within a 10-year period of time, as
66 measured from the dates of previous arrests for which
67 convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest
68 for which a conviction is obtained, the court shall sentence
69 the defendant to a minimum of 90 days confinement.

70 (3) Upon a third or subsequent conviction for a
71 violation of subsection (a) or (b) within a 10-year period of
72 time, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which
73 convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest
74 for which a conviction is obtained, the court shall sentence
75 the defendant to a minimum of 180 days confinement.

76 (e) It is not a violation of this section for an
77 individual to continue traveling at or below the speed limit,
78 with or without the vehicle's flashers turned on, with the
79 intent of stopping the vehicle at the nearest safe place.

80 (f) If an individual charged with a violation of this
81 section is arrested by a municipal law enforcement agency and
82 detained in the county jail, the arresting municipality shall
83 reimburse the county commission for any medical costs
84 associated with the individual's detention."

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85 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
86 1, 2026.



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House of Representatives

90 Read for the first time and referred 13-Jan-26
91 to the House of Representatives
92 committee on Judiciary
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94 Read for the second time and placed 29-Jan-26
95 on the calendar:
96 0 amendments
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99 as amended
100 Yeas 103
101 Nays 0
102 Abstains 1
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105 John Treadwell
106 Clerk
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