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Safe and Public Rides Act Introduced in U.S. Senate


On Thursday, June 13, U.S. Senators Marsha Blackburn and Peter Welch introduced the Safe and Private Rides Act. This legislation aims to protect passenger privacy by mandating that transportation network companies (TNC's) such as Uber and Lyft must notify passengers if their driver has a video recording device in the car and must also allow passengers to opt out of rides with such drivers. With 51% of Americans aged 18 to 29 having used rideshare services and the industry's profits expected to reach \$54 billion annually by 2027, the need for privacy and safety measures is growing. Many rideshare drivers use dashcams to enhance their safety, but these devices can raise privacy concerns for passengers. *Story Continued on Page 4*

Community News You Can Use

- The Tennessee Highway Patrol will be conducting a Sobriety Checkpoint on US Route 11 at County Road 50 in McMinn County on August 2nd at 7:00. The scheduled checkpoint is contingent upon manpower and weather conditions.
- The Friends of Etowah Carnegie Library will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 18th at 5:30 pm at the library. The meeting is open to the public. Etowah Carnegie Library will be closed Wednesday, June 19th for the Juneteenth holiday. The library will be open normal hours for the remainder of the week. For more information, call (423) 263-9475 or visit us online at etowahlibrary.com.

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LISTENING REMINDER: This week on Main Street Moments: Rev. Benjamin Jackson will speak about the Juneteenth event at Cook Park. Also, Dianne Pupard of Grandma's Gingerbread Bakery discussing the Saturday Afternoon Tea Party. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO : AM-1390 and FM-94.5.



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Boating License Requirement Reminder



The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency has issued a public reminder that boating classes are necessary to gain a boating license in Tennessee. Tennessee residents born after January 1, 1989, must present a TWRA-issued Boating Safety Education Certificate to prove they have passed the

TWRA Boating Safety exam in order to operate a boat with more than 8.5 horsepower. No other certificates are accepted to meet this requirement. The process involves acquiring study materials, studying, and passing an approved exam administered by the TWRA. Once the class is completed the certificate will be issued which must be kept by the boater whenever on the water. Boaters must also purchase and bring the Type 600 Boating Safety Exam Permit to testing locations and to classes. Certification is not needed if an adult (18 or older) is on board to take control of the vessel, but this adult must also have the certification if born after January 1, 1989. The TWRA will accept any NASBLA-approved boating safety certificate for any out-of-state boaters born after this date. More information is available at tn.gov/twra.

Community News You Can Use

- The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum (522 W. Madison Ave, Athens) is hosting a Living Legacy Fall Trade fair on August 23-24 from 12 pm - 5 pm. This event will have free entry and feature woodcarving, soap making, Appalachian music, hand quilting, herbal tinctures, felting, bead making, pyrography and more. For more info: visit livingheritagemuseum.org.
- In memory of Marie Lambert, the Etowah Senior Center (435 Cooper St.) will offer "Marie's Watercolor Classes". Marie taught watercolor painting at the senior center for many years. There is no charge for the class or for materials. The first class is June 25th at 11:30. Please call the center to register at 423-781-7632.
- The Juneteenth Community Celebration is set to take place on Saturday, June 22 from 10 am - 2 pm at J.L. Cook Memorial Park (414 Cook Dr. in Athens). There will be live music, food, and dancers. This free event is a Celebration of Culture and is open to the public and for all ages.

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There have been instances where drivers recorded and released passenger footage online, violating their privacy. While rideshare companies addressed these incidents, the proposed act would ensure passengers are informed and can choose whether to ride with a recording device present. The Safe and Private Rides Act specifically requires transportation network companies to:

- Notify passengers if a driver has a video recording device in the car.
- Provide passengers the option to opt out of rides with recording devices.
- Grant the Federal Trade Commission the authority to enforce these transparency measures.

The full bill text is available at the link [HERE](#).

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1885 - The Statue of Liberty arrived in New York City aboard the French ship *Isere*.

1928 - Amelia Earhart embarked on the first trans-Atlantic flight by a woman, as a passenger. Pilot Wilmer Stultz and mechanic Louis Gordon operated the aircraft while Earhart kept the flight log. The flight took 20 hours and 40 minutes.

1940 - France asked Germany for terms of surrender in World War II.

1994 - After leading police on a chase through Southern California, O.J. Simpson was arrested and charged with the murders of his ex-wife, Nicole, and Ronald Goldman.



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