

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 776

HOUSE BILL NO. 2653

By Representatives Hackworth, Hardaway, Ferguson

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3077

By Senators McNally, Marrero

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 1, relative to rights of way of pedestrians.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-134, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a)

(1) Unless in a marked school zone when a warning flasher or flashers are in operation, when traffic-control signals are not in place or not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.

(2) When in a marked school zone when a warning flasher or flashers are in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall stop to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a marked crosswalk or at an intersection with no marked crosswalk. The driver shall remain stopped until the pedestrian has crossed the roadway on which the vehicle is stopped.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 10, 2008



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APPROVED this 21st day of April 2008



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