

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1039**

**SENATE BILL NO. 4177**

**By Kyle, Ford**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 4155**

**By Sontany, Odom, Favors, Hardaway, DuBois, Towns, Brown**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-6-102, relative to the authority of investigators of the Tennessee bureau of investigation to make traffic stops.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-6-102, is amended by redesignating the current subsection (e) as subdivision (e)(1) and adding the following language as subdivision (e)(2):

(2) Investigators of the bureau of investigation are authorized, without a request from the district attorney general, to make traffic stops in emergency situations in which the safety of the public is in jeopardy and no officer from the appropriate law enforcement agency is immediately available to make the stop. For purposes of this subdivision, "emergency situations" is limited to driving under the influence of an intoxicant pursuant to § 55-10-401, and reckless endangerment pursuant to § 39-13-103 involving the traffic stop. Investigators may also assist stranded motorists.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 14, 2008**

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 28th day of May 2008**



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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR