

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1144

HOUSE BILL NO. 1656

By Representative Casada

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1823

By Senator Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-115, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(d) "Temporary trailer permit" means a permit which the commissioner is authorized to issue to an applicant desiring to operate a motor vehicle using a trailer which is not subject to registration in Tennessee, over the streets and highways of this state for a temporary period of no more than five (5) days, where it appears that the proposed operation is actually temporary in character. The fee for this issuance shall be nine dollars (\$9.00).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-101, is amended by deleting subdivision (39) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(39) "Pedestrian" means any person afoot or using a wheelchair;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-138, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

Section 55-8-138.

(a) Except as provided in this section, where sidewalks are provided, it is unlawful for any pedestrian to walk or use a wheelchair along and upon an adjacent roadway.

(b) Where sidewalks are not provided or are obstructed, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall, when practicable, walk only on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction.

(c) Where sidewalks are not provided, are obstructed, or are not wheelchair accessible, any person using a wheelchair along and upon a highway shall, when practicable, use the wheelchair on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction. Provided, a person using a wheelchair along and

upon a highway may use such wheelchair on the right side of the roadway or its shoulder if it is convenient or reasonably necessary for travel by such person.

(d) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 4. Section 1 of this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. Sections 2 and 3 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 21, 2008



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY, SPEAKER
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APPROVED this 13th day of June 2008



PHIL BREDEESEN, GOVERNOR