



## State of Tennessee

### PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 157

SENATE BILL NO. 1500

By Southerland

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1681

By Matlock

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 103, relative to the allowable minimum clearance required to be maintained from high-voltage lines.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-103-101(3), is amended by deleting the language "or the division of engineering and safety".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-103-102, is amended by deleting the language "high-voltage lines" wherever it may appear and substituting instead the language "high-voltage overhead lines".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-103-103(a), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) The operation, erection or transportation of any tools, machinery, or equipment, or any part of any tools, machinery, or equipment, capable of vertical, lateral or swinging motion, the handling, transportation or storage of any supplies, materials or apparatus, or the moving of any house or other building, or any part of any house or building, under, over, by or near high-voltage overhead lines, is expressly prohibited, if at any time during such operation, transportation or other manipulation it is possible to bring the equipment, tools, materials, building, or any part of the equipment, tools, materials or building, within ten feet (10') of the high-voltage overhead lines, or the distance required by an applicable standard of the Tennessee Occupational Health Administration, except where the high-voltage overhead lines have been effectively guarded against danger from accidental contact, by either:

(1) The erection of mechanical barriers to prevent physical contact with high-voltage conductors;

(2) De-energizing the high-voltage conductors and grounding where necessary; or

(3) By insulating the lines.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-103-103(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(b) Only in the case of an exception referenced in subdivision (a)(1), (a)(2) or (a)(3) may the clearance required by subsection (a) be reduced. The clearance required by subsection (a) shall not be provided by movement of the conductors through strains impressed, by attachments or otherwise, upon the structures supporting the high-voltage overhead line nor upon any equipment, fixtures or attachments on the structures.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-103-104, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-103-105, is amended by deleting the language "six feet (6')" and substituting instead the language "ten feet (10')", or the distance required by an applicable standard of the Tennessee Occupational Health Administration,".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-103-105, is amended by deleting the language "high-voltage line" wherever it may appear and substituting instead the language "high-voltage overhead line".

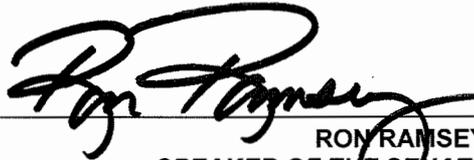
SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-103-107, is amended by deleting "Class B misdemeanor" and substituting "violation of § 50-3-105(1)".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-103-108, is amended by deleting the language "at a distance of less than six feet (6') from any high-voltage conductor" wherever it may appear and substituting instead the language "at a distance of less than ten feet (10'), or the distance required by an applicable standard of the Tennessee Occupational Health Administration, from any high-voltage overhead conductor".

SECTION 10. This act shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 21, 2011

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2011

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR