



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 452

HOUSE BILL NO. 1210

By Representatives Dean, Favors, McCormick, Floyd, Cobb, Brown, Alexander, Phillip Johnson, Shepard, Moore, Mike Turner, Hardaway, Kent Williams, Watson, Faison, Ryan Williams, Shipley, Don Miller, Pitts, Harmon, Camper, Fitzhugh, Johnnie Turner, Naifeh, Bass, Tidwell, Lollar, Evans, Harry Brooks, Hensley, Stewart, Weaver

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 650

By Senators Watson, Berke, Barnes, Beavers, Bell, Burks, Crowe, Faulk, Finney, Ford, Gresham, Harper, Haynes, Henry, Herron, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Marrero, Overbey, Roberts, Southerland, Stewart, Summerville, Tate, Tracy, Woodson, Yager

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 16, Part 1 and Title 54, Chapter 21, relative to outdoor advertising.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their own concerns to ensure our collective freedom and personal safety, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, in providing for the domestic tranquility of the community as a whole, society recognizes the need for a system of laws; the enforcement of the law has been entrusted to a small number of dedicated individuals who daily face the rigors of human conflict in protecting those whom they so selflessly serve; and

WHEREAS, the people of Tennessee are fortunate to be served by the brave and dedicated law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line while carrying out their essential duties; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant James Timothy "Tim" Chapin of the Chattanooga Police Department was one such outstanding public servant; citizens across the state and the members of the General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of his tragic and untimely death in the line of duty on April 2, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a twenty-seven veteran of the Chattanooga Police Department, Sergeant Chapin truly enjoyed being a police officer, and he evidenced uncommon dedication to his duties despite the long hours and the uncertain and often dangerous nature of his profession; and

WHEREAS, serving in patrol for most of his career, Sergeant Chapin performed his appointed duties in an admirable manner that distinguished him as a credit to both his community and his profession; Chattanooga was undoubtedly made a better and safer place to live during his service; and

WHEREAS, a great tragedy befell the State of Tennessee on the fateful day of April 2, 2011, when Sergeant Tim Chapin was shot and killed while responding to an armed robbery; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Chattanooga, and indeed the entire State, have felt the deep pain produced by this terrible and wasteful loss of one of our best and brightest law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Chapin regarded his work as an officer to be of the utmost significance; his loyalty and commitment to justice fueled his determination to become an officer of the law; and

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WHEREAS, in addition to his service as a police officer, Tim Chapin expressed his devout Christian faith as a member of Abba's House where he worked in the Student Department; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Kelle, and children, Allison and Nick; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Tim Chapin has left behind an indelible legacy of integrity, probity, and valor in his public life as a law enforcement officer, compassion and loyalty in private life, and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to permanently commemorate the bountiful life of this exceptional police officer and human being by naming in his honor certain segments of Interstate 24 and Interstate 75 in the City of Chattanooga; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the following segments of Interstate 24 and Interstate 75 in the City of Chattanooga are hereby designated the "Sgt. Tim Chapin Memorial Highway" as a lasting tribute to an exemplary public servant who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting his community and fellow citizens:

Interstate 24 from the corporate limits of the City of Chattanooga near the Tennessee-Georgia state boundary eastward to its intersection with Interstate 75 and then eastward on Interstate 75 to its intersection with State Route 320 (East Brainerd Road) at Exit 3.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable markers or to affix suitable signs designating the segments of Interstate 24 and Interstate 75 described in Section 1 as the "Sgt. Tim Chapin Memorial Highway". The cost of such signage shall be funded in accordance with § 54-1-133.

SECTION 3. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 4. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 20, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 10th day of June 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR