



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 183

SENATE BILL NO. 184

By Norris, Yager

Substituted for: House Bill No. 178

By McCormick

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to the taxation, titling, registration, and regulation of motor vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-103(b)(1), is amended by deleting the language "six (6)" in the second sentence and substituting instead the language "seven (7)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-113, is amended by deleting the language "; and" at the end of subdivision (a)(5)(B), placing a period at the end of the word "trailers" when it last appears in subdivision (a)(5)(B), and adding the following language as new subdivisions (a)(5)(B)(i), (ii), (iii), and (iv):

(i) The commissioner may, in his discretion, require an owner of a freight trailer, semi-trailer, or pole trailer registered in this state pursuant to subdivision (5)(A) above to provide written confirmation to the department as to whether or not the trailer has been destroyed, abandoned, sold, or otherwise transferred to another owner and still bears the permanent registration plate originally issued to the trailer.

(ii) If such owner provides written confirmation to the department that the trailer has been destroyed, abandoned, sold, or otherwise transferred to another owner and the trailer has not been properly registered to the new owner, the commissioner shall immediately terminate the registration and plate originally assigned to the trailer under the name of the owner of record.

(iii) If such owner fails to provide written confirmation within ninety (90) days of the date of the commissioner's request, the commissioner may, in his discretion, terminate the registration and plate originally assigned to the trailer under the name of the owner of record.

(iv) Whenever the title to a freight trailer, semi-trailer, or pole trailer registered in this state pursuant to subdivision (5)(A) above is destroyed, abandoned, sold, or otherwise transferred to another owner, the registration of the trailer shall expire. If the trailer is sold or otherwise transferred to a new owner, the new owner shall obtain a new registration of the trailer. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the department may issue to such new owner a new or existing registration plate bearing the same alpha-numerical characters as was affixed to such trailer at the time of transfer to the new owner.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-135, is amended by deleting the language "fourteen (14)" appearing therein and substituting instead the language "thirty (30)".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202, is amended in subdivision (b)(1) by deleting the language " "national guard", and "OEM headquarters company" " and by substituting instead the language "and "national guard" ".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-221, is amended by deleting the language "twenty-four (24)" from subdivision (b)(1) and by substituting instead the language "seventy-two (72)"; and is further amended by adding the following language as a new sentence at the end of subdivision (b)(1):

The dealer may further authorize the operation of the vehicle bearing such plates by any customer who is using the vehicle, without charge, while the customer's vehicle is being serviced or repaired by the dealer or by any person who is participating in a driver's

education program and is operating a vehicle that was provided by the dealer to a school for use in the driver's education program.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-232(b), is amended by deleting the language "shall contain an appropriate logo, legend or other design, and" in the first sentence.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-25-107(a), is amended by deleting from subdivision (1) the language "about any individual" and by substituting instead the language "about any person"; and is further amended by deleting from subdivision (2) the language "about any individual" and by substituting instead the language "about any person".

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.

SENATE BILL NO. 184

PASSED: April 10, 2013



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 23rd day of April 2013



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR