



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 223

SENATE BILL NO. 131

By Hensley

Substituted for: House Bill No. 266

By Hawk, Roach

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 1 and Title 55, Chapter 9, Part 4, relative to display of registration plates.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-110, is amended by adding the following language as subsection (c) and by redesignating the subsequent subsection accordingly:

(c)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (c)(2), for all motor vehicles that are factory-equipped to illuminate the registration plate, the registration plate shall be illuminated at all times that headlights are illuminated.

(2) Subdivision (c)(1) shall not apply to any antique motor vehicle as defined in § 55-4-111(b).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-110, is amended by adding the following new subdivision (c)(3):

(3) If the violation of this section results solely from the failure to illuminate the registration plate at all times headlights are required to be displayed, the fine set out in this subsection shall be the only amount the person is assessed. No litigation tax levied pursuant to title 67, chapter 4, part 6, shall be imposed or assessed against anyone convicted of a violation of this section nor shall any clerk's fee or court costs, including but not limited to any statutory fees of officers, be imposed or assessed against anyone convicted of a violation of this section. Further, the lighting violation described in this subdivision shall be considered a nonmoving traffic violation and no points shall be added to a driver's record for such violation.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to any violations occurring on or after such date.

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PASSED: April 1, 2013



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 19th day of April 2013



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR