



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 895

HOUSE BILL NO. 1709

By Representative Dunn

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1850

By Senator Campfield

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 16 and Title 55, Chapter 7, Part 2, relative to the towing of vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-201(h), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(h) It is not a violation of the length limits set forth in this section when any otherwise properly titled and registered vehicle, which is in compliance with applicable length requirements, is disabled on the highways and requires a tow or other assistance in proceeding to an exit or a repair or terminal facility within one hundred (100) miles of the point where the vehicle became disabled, and the combined lengths of the disabled vehicle and the tow vehicle exceed the limits in this section. This exemption shall only apply to vehicles disabled while operating on the highway, and only when authorized by the owner, terminal manager, owner's agent, or law enforcement official.

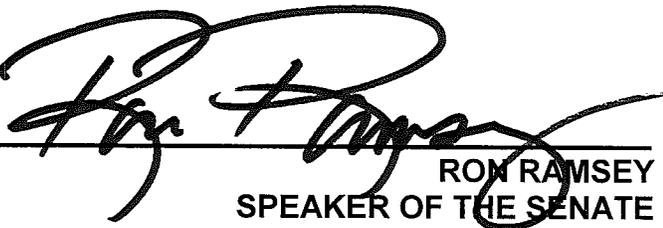
SECTION 2. Section 1 of this act shall become operative only if the federal motor carrier safety administration advises the department of safety in writing that the provisions of the section shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed in the federal laws and regulations.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 15, 2014

  
BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014

  
BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR