



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 944

SENATE BILL NO. 1697

By Massey, Yarbrow, Bowling

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1487

By Clemmons, Beck, Cameron Sexton, Stewart, Windle, Powell, Armstrong, Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, relative to vehicular use of bicycle lanes.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section, "bicycle lane" means any portion of the roadway set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

(b) It is an offense for a person to operate a motor vehicle within a bicycle lane, except under the following situations:

(1) When parking, stopping, or leaving standing the motor vehicle pursuant to § 55-8-158, § 55-8-160, or other law, upon the right side of the roadway or the roadway's shoulder or berm; provided, that a carrier of passengers for hire or other motor vehicle used to provide public transportation may only be parked, stopped, or left standing within a bicycle lane temporarily when loading or unloading passengers and when the area adjacent to the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway that is otherwise designated or primarily used to load or unload passengers is obstructed;

(2) When turning into an intersecting or adjoining highway, drive, road, or driveway; or

(3) When yielding the right-of-way to, or temporarily parking or stopping upon the approach of, an authorized emergency vehicle or police vehicle pursuant to § 55-8-132 or other law.

(c) Any person failing to conform with subsection (b) shall receive a warning citation on first offense and be liable for a fine of twenty dollars (\$20.00) on second offense, and fifty dollars (\$50.00) on third and subsequent offenses.

(d) Nothing in this section preempts or otherwise affects an ordinance or resolution governing the parking, stopping, or standing of motor vehicles in bicycle lanes that is more restrictive than subdivision (b)(1), whether enacted or modified prior to, or on or after, the effective date of this act, by a municipality or county, including a county with a metropolitan form of government.

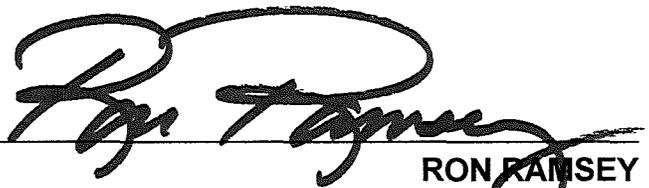
SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-118, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c) When overtaking or passing upon the right of another motor vehicle pursuant to this section or other law, the person shall not operate the motor vehicle within a bicycle lane as defined in Section 1 of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 11, 2016



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27th day of April 2016



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR