

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 450

HOUSE BILL NO. 1154

By Representatives Buck, Gresham, Todd, Bibb

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1593

By Senators Norris, Marrero

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-152 and Section 55-8-153, relative to speed limits and speed zones.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-152(f)(1)(C), is amended by deleting the first sentence in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

Subject to the provisions of § 55-8-153(c), the municipalities of the state are hereby authorized to set speed limits on the public roads and streets within their jurisdictions and not a part of the interstate and national defense highway system nor any access controlled highway on the state road and highway system.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-153(c), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(c)

(1)

(A) The legislative authorities of municipalities shall possess the power to prescribe lower speed limits on highways designated as state highways in their respective jurisdictions when, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, it is shown that the public safety requires a lower speed limit.

(B) Engineering and traffic investigations used to establish special speed zone locations and speed limits by municipalities on state highways shall be made in accordance with established traffic engineering practices and in a manner that conforms to the Tennessee Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Such investigations shall be documented and documentation shall be maintained by the jurisdiction performing or sponsoring the investigation.

(C) All signs, signals and other forms of public notification of such speed limits, road hazards and other traffic conditions

shall comply with the Tennessee Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

(2) The legislative bodies of municipalities shall also possess the power to prescribe lower speed limits within certain areas or zones, or on designated highways, avenues or streets, which are not designated as state highways, in their respective jurisdictions, and to erect appropriate signs and traffic signals.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 6, 2007



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 18th day of June 2007



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR