

STATE OF TENNESSEE
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 342
HOUSE BILL NO. 253

By Representative Casada

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 289

By Senator Beavers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, relative to rules of the road.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-197, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) Any person who violates:

(1) Section 55-8-115 by failing to drive on the right half of the roadway as provided in such section, except for those motor vehicles in compliance with §§ 55-7-115 or 55-7-202;

(2) Sections 55-8-118 or 55-8-119 by unlawfully overtaking and passing another vehicle as provided in those sections; or

(3) Sections 55-8-128, 55-8-129, 55-8-130 or 55-8-131 by failing to yield the right of way as provided in those sections; and

the violation results in an accident resulting in serious bodily injury to or death of any person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 20, 2009



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 3rd day of June 2009



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR