

STATE OF TENNESSEE
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 377
SENATE BILL NO. 959

By Tracy

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1325

By Harmon, Dean, Fraley, Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54 and Title 55, relative to transportation.

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

SECTION 1. The Department of Transportation shall study the design and development of expanding qualifying HOV lanes to high occupancy toll or HOT lanes based upon existing and estimated future highway traffic lanes and traffic congestion levels which vary depending upon the time of day. The Department of Transportation shall report its findings and any recommendations relative to such study to the Transportation Committee of the House of Representatives and Transportation Committee of the Senate no later than February 1, 2010.

SECTION 2. In conducting such study, the Department of Transportation shall consult with the federal highway administration regarding the federal review process needed to receive approval from the federal highway administration to implement HOT lanes where appropriate in qualifying HOV lanes.

SECTION 3. The Department of Transportation shall also address and study, via the department's long-range transportation plan, the development and use of exclusive or preferential lanes on any highway of the interstate and defense highway system or a four-lane controlled-access highway which is a federal or state highway, including the implementation of HOT lanes where appropriate in qualifying HOV lanes.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 28, 2009



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 9th day of June 2009



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