



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 397

SENATE BILL NO. 266

By Tracy

Substituted for: House Bill No. 339

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 3, relative to transfers of titles of motor vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-3-211, is amended by deleting the language "As used in this section, §§ 55-3-207 -- 55-3-209 and 55-3-212," and by substituting instead the language "As used in this part,".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-3-211, is further amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() "Methamphetamine vehicle" means any motor vehicle subject to registration and certificate of title provisions that has been impounded by a law enforcement agency based on a charge of manufacture of methamphetamine on or within the vehicle and determined to be contaminated pursuant to the standards developed pursuant to Title 68, Chapter 212, Part 5, and for which the department has received a notice of motor vehicle impoundment for manufacture of methamphetamine pursuant to § 55-3-213. Disclosure that a motor vehicle has become a methamphetamine vehicle shall be made upon the department's receipt of such notice by issuance of a new certificate of title conspicuously labeled with the language "Methamphetamine Vehicle" across the front. Upon any subsequent transfer of ownership, the next certificate of title issued after the transfer shall be conspicuously labeled with the language "Methamphetamine Vehicle" across the front;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 3, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

55-3-213.

(a) Any law enforcement agency that impounds a motor vehicle due to the manufacture of methamphetamine on or within the motor vehicle, determined to be contaminated pursuant to the standards developed pursuant to Title 68, Chapter 212, Part 5, shall submit a notice of motor vehicle impoundment for manufacture of methamphetamine to the department of revenue within thirty (30) days of such impoundment.

(b) A notice in a form substantially as follows is sufficient to comply with subsection (a):

**Notice of Motor Vehicle Impoundment for Manufacture of
Methamphetamine**

Notice is hereby given that a motor vehicle has been impounded due to a charge of manufacture of methamphetamine on or within the vehicle. Such motor vehicle was seized at the location described below on

(date)

This motor vehicle has been impounded by

_____ pursuant to

(name of law enforcement agency)

Tennessee Code Annotated, § _____.

Address of Motor Vehicle Seizure:

Name of Motor Vehicle Owner or Owners:

Registered Address:

Apartment or Unit Number (if applicable):

VIN:

Year, Make, Model and Color:

Name of Person and Agency Giving Notice:

Signature of Person Giving Notice:

Title/Position:

Date:

SECTION 4. The Commissioner of Revenue is authorized to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this act, including, but not limited to, rules to provide a motor vehicle owner an opportunity for a hearing on the issue of whether the certificate of title for such vehicle should be labeled, or should continue to be labeled, as a methamphetamine vehicle. All such rules shall be promulgated in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to all applicable offenses committed on or after such date.

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PASSED: May 20, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 6 day of June 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR