



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 647

SENATE BILL NO. 2841

By Gresham, Crowe, Herron

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3362

By Rich, Shaw

AN ACT to designate a segment of State Route 18 as the "National Bird Dog Highway".

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the segment of State Route 18 from the Tennessee - Mississippi state boundary in Fayette County northward to such highway's intersection with State Route 368 in Hardeman County is hereby designated the "National Bird Dog Highway".

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of State Route 18 described in Section 1 as the "National Bird Dog Highway".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the Department of Transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. The appellation "National Bird Dog Highway" provided for in this act is for honorary purposes only and nothing contained herein shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any address, or the governmental system for assigning addresses, in any county, municipality, or other governmental entity affected by this act.

SECTION 7. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any previously named segment or segments of any highways described in Section 1 of this act as the "National Bird Dog Highway".

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 12, 2012



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 30th day of March 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR