



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 871

SENATE BILL NO. 1781

By Crowe

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1648

By Timothy Hill

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 11; Title 39; Title 47; Title 55, Chapter 1; Title 55, Chapter 4; Title 55, Chapter 50; Title 55, Chapter 8; Title 55, Chapter 9 and Title 70, relative to the operation of off-highway vehicles on public highways.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

55-4-136.

(a) Any vehicle that is not equipped with a windshield and that otherwise qualifies as a medium speed vehicle as defined in § 55-1-125 may be registered as a medium speed vehicle; provided, that while the vehicle is in operation upon any public road of this state, the operator and each passenger shall wear a helmet in accordance with § 55-9-302 and eye protection, including glasses containing impact resistant lenses, safety goggles, or a face shield.

(b) Any vehicle described in subsection (a) shall be registered as a medium speed vehicle if the operator provides an affidavit, under penalty of perjury, on a form prescribed by the department certifying that the vehicle meets applicable safety standards and that the operator will otherwise comply with subsection (a).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-185(a), is amended by deleting the following language:

Off-highway motor vehicles defined in § 55-3-101(c)(2) may be operated or driven upon a highway but only as follows:

and by substituting instead the following language:

No off-highway motor vehicle defined in § 55-3-101(c)(2) shall be operated or driven upon a highway unless the vehicle is registered as a medium speed vehicle pursuant to §§ 55-8-101 and 55-4-136; is operated or driven pursuant to subsections (c) or (e); or is operated or driven for the purpose of crossing a highway as follows:

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-1-125, is amended by adding the following language at the end of the second sentence before the period (.):

, except as otherwise provided in § 55-4-136

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-101(32), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subdivision before the semicolon (;):

, except as otherwise provided in § 55-4-136

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-102(35), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the second sentence before the semicolon (;):

, except as otherwise provided in § 55-4-136

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-1-103(c), is amended by deleting the language "in this section" and by substituting instead the language "in this chapter".

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 14, 2014



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 18 day of May 2014



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR