

HOUSE BILL 209

By Keisling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8 and Title 55, Chapter 9, relative to freight motor vehicles being stopped, parked, or left on shoulders of highways.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-158, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(d)

(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, a person operating, for commercial purposes or on a for-hire basis, a freight motor vehicle while transporting cargo may stop, park, or leave the freight motor vehicle upon the shoulder of an entrance ramp of a highway for a period not to exceed twelve (12) hours, if it is not practicable to stop, park, or leave the freight motor vehicle off the shoulder of the highway and the freight motor vehicle does not obstruct the passage of other motor vehicles.

(2) In determining the practicability of parking off the shoulder of the highway, the department shall consider any requirements of federal law and emergency conditions or other conditions that threaten the safety of the operator and other motor vehicles.

(3) As used in this subsection (d), "freight motor vehicle" means a truck-tractor in combination with a semitrailer, twin trailer, or trailer.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.