

HOUSE BILL 616

By Travis

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39;
Title 55 and Title 65, relative to vehicles that haul
logs or pulpwood.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A motor vehicle or trailer transporting intrastate a load of logs or long pulpwood that protrudes beyond the length of the motor vehicle or trailer, when the vehicle is operated on a highway or parked on the shoulder or immediately adjacent to the traveled portions of the highway, must have the following securely affixed at a length equal to or greater than the length at which the load of logs or long pulpwood protrudes beyond the length of the motor vehicle or trailer:

(1) A rear impact guard extending across the rear of the motor vehicle or trailer at a width equal to or greater than the interior width of the motor vehicle or trailer axle; or

(2) A rubber bumper or other impact absorbent guard extending across the rear of the motor vehicle or trailer at a width equal to or greater than the interior width of the motor vehicle or trailer axle.

(b) The affixed rear bumper or impact absorbent guard required by subsection (a) must be affixed in a position that is no greater than twenty-two inches (22") from the ground.

(c) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.