



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 388

HOUSE BILL NO. 766

By Representatives Holsclaw, Littleton

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 520

By Senator Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54 and Title 55, relative to traffic-control signals.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-110(a)(8), is amended by deleting the following language:

Whenever in this state three-light traffic-control signals are used displaying successively green, yellow, and red lights for the direction of motorists and pedestrians, the minimum time exposure of the yellow light shall be three (3) seconds. Any state agency or any political subdivision of the state that installs, owns, operates, or maintains any such traffic-control signal light shall set or cause to be set the timing-control device for the signal light in compliance with this subdivision (a)(8). No state agency or any political subdivision of the state that installs, owns, operates, or maintains a traffic-control signal light in an intersection that employs a surveillance camera for the enforcement or monitoring of traffic violations shall reduce the time exposure of the yellow light at the intersection with the intended purpose of increasing the number of traffic violations.

and by substituting instead the following new language:

Whenever in this state three-light traffic-control signals are used displaying successively green, yellow, and red lights for the direction of motorists and pedestrians, the duration of the yellow plus all red change interval must be determined using engineering practices as identified in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), as adopted by the department of transportation in accordance with § 54-5-108(b), and the minimum time exposure of the yellow light must be three (3) seconds. A state agency or political subdivision of the state that installs, owns, operates, or maintains any such traffic-control signal light shall set or cause to be set the timing-control device for the signal light in compliance with this subdivision (a)(8) and the MUTCD, as adopted by the department of transportation in accordance with § 54-5-108(b). A state agency or political subdivision of the state that installs, owns, operates, or maintains a traffic-control signal light in an intersection that employs a surveillance camera for the enforcement or monitoring of traffic violations shall not reduce the time exposure of the yellow light at the intersection with the intended purpose of increasing the number of traffic violations.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.

