



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 184

SENATE BILL NO. 1045

By Kyle, Yager

Substituted for: House Bill No. 832

By Howell, Jernigan, Hardaway, Daniel, Terry

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, relative to highways and roadways.

WHEREAS, limitations on where a person may stand along a roadway are necessary for the safety of both the pedestrian and the operators and passengers of motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly seeks to implement certain safeguards regarding pedestrians and motor vehicle traffic for the benefit of public safety and welfare; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-139, is amended by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(c) No person shall loiter or conduct any commercial activity in, or in proximity to, the median of a state highway.

(d) Subsection (c) does not apply to:

(1) Employees of, or agents, contractors, or other persons under contract with, or acting on behalf of, the department of transportation; and

(2) Employees of, or agents, contractors, or other persons who are under contract with, or acting on behalf of, a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state or a utility, and who are permitted by the department of transportation to stand or conduct any activity in, or in proximity to, the median of a state highway.


(e) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor; except, that a person who violates subsection (c) shall receive a warning citation for a first offense.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.


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PASSED: April 11, 2019


RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 23rd day of April 2019


BILL LEE, GOVERNOR