

HOUSE BILL 1202

By McCord

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6;  
Title 7 and Title 55, relative to surveillance  
cameras installed to enforce or monitor traffic  
laws.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 54, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 6-54-1\_\_.

After July 1, 2009, no contract shall be entered into, amended, revised or extended by any local government with any company installing or maintaining a surveillance camera used to enforce or monitor traffic at an intersection controlled by a traffic-control signal light if such contract provides that such company shares in any revenues from the traffic fines generated by the surveillance camera.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-110(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (8) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(8)

(A) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(8)(B), 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 or caution 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)(A).

(B) If a surveillance camera is installed to enforce or monitor traffic violations at an intersection which is controlled by a traffic-control signal light, the minimum time exposure of the yellow or caution light shall be five (5) seconds. 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 such 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. Any traffic citation issued for a traffic violation at an intersection controlled by a traffic-control signal light where the yellow light has been set to change to red prior to such five (5) second requirement is invalid.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.