



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 139

HOUSE BILL NO. 1318

By Representatives Eldridge, Cepicky, Helton, Sherrell, Carter, Ogles, Littleton

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1337

By Senators Southerland, Haile, Bowling, Pody, Rose, Yager

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 3, relative to use of law enforcement vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

**38-3-118.**

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a chief law enforcement officer of a state or local law enforcement agency may develop and implement policies and guidelines regarding the use of marked law enforcement vehicles by off-duty law enforcement officers for travel to and from vulnerable locations in order to project an enhanced security presence while at such locations.

(b) A chief law enforcement officer shall not develop or implement policies or guidelines in accordance with subsection (a) without the express approval of:

(1) With respect to a local law enforcement agency, the executive head or legislative body of the local government, as applicable, vested with the authority to direct such chief law enforcement officer; and

(2) With respect to a state law enforcement agency, the executive head of the state department or agency within which the state law enforcement agency is created.

(c) For purposes of this section, "vulnerable locations" includes places of worship, schools, and parks.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 18, 2019



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GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019



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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR