HOUSE BILL 2519

By Towns

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to law enforcement activity.

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

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

Beginning January 1, 2025, a law enforcement officer initiating a traffic stop or pedestrian stop must inform the person stopped of the reason for the stop before engaging the person in questioning related to an investigation of a possible criminal offense or traffic violation. The officer may withhold the information required by this section if the officer believes that doing so is necessary to protect life or property from an imminent threat.

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