

HOUSE BILL 2737

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-198, relative to traffic violation surveillance cameras.

WHEREAS, a substantial majority of traffic citations issued pursuant to the use of traffic surveillance cameras are to residents of the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee should be responsible for the enforcement of its laws and not contract with third parties in other states; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-198, is amended by adding a new subsection thereto, as follows:

() After the effective date of this act, no surveillance cameras to enforce or monitor traffic violations shall be purchased from, operated or monitored, or enforcement actions shall be taken by persons or businesses that do not reside in Tennessee. Surveillance cameras purchased from, operated or monitored or used to enforce traffic actions by a person or business outside of Tennessee upon the effective date of this act may continue to be used pending the expiration of any contract governing their operation or until the costs of such surveillance cameras have been recovered. Upon the expiration of any contract for a traffic surveillance camera or upon the recovery of expenses for a traffic surveillance camera, use of such traffic surveillance camera shall cease.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.