

SENATE BILL 276

By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 8, relative to operation of bicycles on
roadways.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-172, is amended by deleting the present language in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b), every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway is granted all of the rights and is subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this chapter and chapter 10, parts 1-5 of this title, except as to special regulations in §§ 55-8-171 — 55-8-177, and except as to those provisions of this chapter and chapter 10, parts 1-5 of this title that by their nature can have no application.

(b) No person shall operate a bicycle on any segment of River Road in Davidson County between United States Highway 70 / State Route 24 (Charlotte Pike) and the Cheatham County line.

(c) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation may erect suitable signs or affix suitable markers on the segment of River Road in Davidson County between United States Highway 70 / State Route 24 (Charlotte Pike) and the Cheatham County line to provide notice of this act to the motoring public.

SECTION 3. A person or non-state entity may provide payment to the department of transportation from non-state funds for the actual cost to manufacture and install the signs authorized in Section 2, in lieu of any expenditure by the state for manufacture or installation of such signs.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.