

SENATE BILL 979

By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 8, relative to traffic enforcement cameras.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-198, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(b) An officer, certified by the peace officer standards and training commission, of the applicable law enforcement office shall review video evidence from a traffic enforcement camera and make a determination as to whether a violation has occurred. If a determination is made that a violation has occurred, a notice of violation or a citation shall be sent by first class mail to the registered owner of the vehicle that was captured by the traffic enforcement camera system. Such notice shall be sent by the applicable law enforcement office. Any such notice sent by a private vendor shall be invalid. All photographic and video evidence of a violation shall be made available to the registered owner of the vehicle electronically by secured Internet connection. A notice of violation or citation shall allow for payment of the traffic violation or citation within thirty (30) days of the mailing of the notice.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all traffic violations based solely on evidence from traffic enforcement cameras on or after such date.