

SENATE BILL 2179

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54  
and Title 55, Chapter 8, relative to distances  
between speed limit signs.

WHEREAS, there are no laws in Tennessee to mandate the distance between speed  
limit signs; and

WHEREAS, the safety of the public is in jeopardy when drivers are unaware of the  
speed limit; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-153(c)(1), is amended by  
adding the following new subdivisions:

(D) The first speed limit sign shall be placed as close as possible to the  
beginning of the speed limit zone; provided, that the sign may be moved for other signs  
that have a higher primacy;

(E) The second speed limit sign shall be placed at a distance not to exceed one  
thousand three hundred twenty feet (1,320') from the first sign.

(F) All subsequent signs shall be placed at a distance not to exceed four  
thousand feet (4,000') from the previous sign.

(G) Subdivisions (c)(1)(D)-(F) shall only apply to state highways and interstate  
highways and to speed limit signs erected or installed on or after July 1, 2016.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.