AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 10, Part 3, relative to enforcement of certain traffic offenses by municipalities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-308, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new subsection thereto:

(b)(1) Upon determining that a municipality having a population of ten thousand (10,000) or less, according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census:

(A) Is enforcing the rules of the road on interstates and defense highways without proper authority; or

(B) Has the proper authority to enforce the rules of the road on interstates and defense highways but is not complying with the rules promulgated by the department regarding such enforcement; the commissioner may refuse to issue or may suspend for up to three (3) years the authorization for such municipality to enforce the rules of the road on the interstate highways.

(2) Suspension of authorization shall be made in writing and sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the chief law enforcement officer and the mayor of the municipality no less than thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the suspension of authority.

(3) The municipal law enforcement agency shall have twenty (20) days from receipt of the suspension notification to provide proof to the department that the municipal law enforcement agency was compliant with the rules promulgated by the department. Timely submission of proof to the department shall stay a suspension until the department has made a determination whether or not to rescind the suspension.

(4) If the proof submitted pursuant to subdivision (b)(3) is acceptable to the department, the commissioner shall inform in writing the chief law enforcement officer and mayor that the suspension is being rescinded.

(5) If the proof submitted pursuant to subdivision (b)(3) is not acceptable to the department, the commissioner shall inform the chief law enforcement officer and the mayor and the suspension of authorization shall be reinstituted.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.
HOUSE BILL NO. 505

PASSED: MARCH 25, 2013

BETH HARWELL
BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 8th day of April 2013

BILL HAGLAM, GOVERNOR