



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 95

SENATE BILL NO. 996

By Tracy

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1378

By Sargent, Hardaway, Mark White

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to motor vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-132, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

() Upon approaching a stationary motor vehicle that is located on the shoulder, emergency lane, or median and the vehicle is giving a signal by use of flashing lights, a person who drives an approaching vehicle shall:

(1) Proceeding with due caution, yield the right-of-way by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to that of the motor vehicle, if possible with due regard to safety and traffic conditions, if on a highway having at least four (4) lanes with not less than two (2) lanes proceeding in the same direction as the approaching vehicle; or

(2) Proceeding with due caution, reduce the speed of the vehicle, maintaining a safe speed for road conditions, if changing lanes would be impossible or unsafe.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-132, is further amended by deleting subsection (f) and substituting instead the following:

(f) This section shall not operate to relieve the driver of a stationary motor vehicle, authorized emergency vehicle, recovery vehicle, solid waste vehicle, or highway maintenance vehicle from the duty to operate the vehicle with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 20, 2017



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 4th day of April 2017



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR