

HOUSE BILL 541

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 8, relative to rules of the road.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-110(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (8) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(8)

(A) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(8)(B), whenever in this state three-light traffic-control signals are used displaying successively green, yellow, and red lights for the direction of motorists and pedestrians, the minimum time exposure of the yellow light shall be three (3) seconds. Any state agency or any political subdivision of the state that installs, owns, operates, or maintains any such traffic-control signal light shall set or cause to be set the timing-control device for the signal light in compliance with this subdivision (a)(8)(A).

(B) Whenever in this state three-light traffic-control signals are used displaying successively green, yellow, and red lights for the direction of motorists and pedestrians, and such traffic-control signal is located in an intersection that employs a surveillance camera for the enforcement or monitoring of traffic violations, the minimum time exposure of the yellow light shall be five (5) seconds. Any state agency or any political subdivision of the state that installs, owns, operates, or maintains any such traffic-control signal light shall set or cause to be set the timing-control device for the signal light in compliance with this subdivision (a)(8)(B). No state agency or political subdivision of the state that installs, owns, operates, or maintains a traffic-control signal light located in

an intersection that employs a surveillance camera for the enforcement or monitoring of traffic violations shall reduce the time exposure of the yellow light at the intersection with the intended purpose of increasing the number of traffic violations.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.