

HOUSE BILL 1654

By Johnson P

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 8, Part 1, relative to the operation of
vehicles on approach of utility service 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 deleting in its entirety the first sentence of subsection (c) and by substituting instead the following:

Upon approaching a stationary recovery vehicle, highway maintenance vehicle, or utility service vehicle when the vehicle is giving a signal by use of authorized flashing lights, a person who drives an approaching vehicle shall:

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-132(c), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(1) Proceeding with due caution, yield the right-of-way by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to the stationary recovery vehicle, highway maintenance vehicle, or utility service 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

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-132(d), is amended by adding the following language as new subdivision (3):

(3) "Utility" means any person, municipality, county, metropolitan government, electric cooperative, telephone cooperative, board, commission, district or any entity created or authorized by public act, private act, or general law to provide electricity, natural gas, water, waste water services, telephone services, or any combination thereof, for sale to consumers in any particular service area.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.