



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 754**

### **SENATE BILL NO. 1671**

**By Massey, Briggs, Mr. Speaker McNally**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1663

By Russell, Zachary, Freeman, Gillespie, Littleton, Clemmons, Cochran, Mannis

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39; Title 54 and Title 55, relative to highway safety.

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

SECTION 1. This act is known and may be cited as the "Hannah Eimers Memorial Tennessee Roadside Safety Hardware Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The general assembly finds that:

(1) Section 11517 of the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. No. 117-58) requires the United States secretary of transportation to develop a process for third-party verification of full-scale crash testing results from crash test labs, including a method for formally verifying the testing outcomes and providing for an independent pass/fail determination; and

(2) In establishing such a process, the United States secretary of transportation shall seek to ensure the independence of crash test labs by ensuring that those labs have a clear separation between device development and testing in cases in which lab employees test devices that were developed within the parent organization of the employee.


(b) It is the intent of the general assembly that the state department of transportation shall keep abreast of the United States secretary of transportation's implementation of these testing measures and adopt them to the greatest extent feasible under state law, with the goal being that the state department of transportation will be in compliance with the requirements of the United States department of transportation as it relates to this testing as provided in Section 11517 of the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. No. 117-58).

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 17, 2022

  
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RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2022

  
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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR