

HOUSE BILL 2739

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-198, relative to traffic surveillance cameras.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-198, is amended by adding a new subsection thereto, as follows:

(g)

(1) Effective July 1, 2010, a state agency or political subdivision of the state that installs, owns, operates or maintains a speed surveillance camera for the enforcement or monitoring of traffic violations shall ensure that appropriate signage is located approximately five hundred feet (500') and again at approximately one hundred feet (100') in advance of such camera informing drivers as to the presence of speed surveillance cameras ahead.

(2) Signs shall be erected within the right-of-way of roads and highways. Such signs shall have a red background with white letters, shall be at least two feet (2') in width and three feet (3') in height, and shall state as follows:

WARNING! Speed control camera in use ___ feet ahead.

(3) The erection of signs pursuant to this subsection shall comply with:

(A) The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices;

(B) Local zoning and local zoning authorities; and

(C) All laws and regulations for scenic highways, in accordance with title 54, chapter 17, part 1, and scenic parkways, in accordance with title 54, chapter 17, part 2.

(4) The costs of design, construction, erection and maintenance of such signs shall be paid from revenues derived from traffic control surveillance cameras identified by the signs.

(5) If the state agency or political subdivision of the state violates subdivision (g)(1), then any traffic citation based solely on evidence generated by the speed surveillance camera shall be deemed to be invalid.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.