

SENATE BILL 153

By Green

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54,
Chapter 7, relative to emergency services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-7-202, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(h) Notwithstanding this section or any other law to the contrary, for the purpose of ensuring first responders and other emergency services personnel have access to all county residents, the chief administrative officer is authorized to remove, or cause to be removed, any obstruction or debris resulting from a natural emergency from any private road or bridge in the county. As used in this subsection (h), "natural emergency" means any natural disaster, including, but not limited to, a storm, flood, landslide, snowstorm, ice storm, conflagration, tornado, or earthquake within the geographic limits of a county that results in the death or injury of persons, or the substantial likelihood of death or injury, or the destruction of property to such an extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

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