

SENATE BILL 354

By Gardenhire

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated,  
Title 55, relative to the use of surveillance  
cameras on interstate highways.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-198(f), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(f)

(1) Surveillance cameras are not permitted on federal interstate highways except for:

(A) Smart Way cameras;

(B) Other intelligent transportation system cameras; or

(C) Surveillance cameras used to enforce or monitor traffic

violations within work zones designated by the department of transportation when employees of the department or construction workers are present; provided, that the cameras are operated only by a state entity.

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (f)(1), surveillance cameras owned by law enforcement agencies may be permitted on federal interstate highways to aid in criminal investigations; provided, that these cameras are not used to enforce or monitor state or local traffic violations or issue citations for such violations.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the

act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.