SENATE BILL 399

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13; Title 29 and Title 54, relative to outdoor advertising.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-21-122, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

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- (1) The brightness of light emitted from a changeable message sign shall not exceed 0.3 foot candles over ambient light levels measured at a distance of one hundred fifty feet (150') feet for those sign faces less than or equal to three hundred square feet (300 sq. ft.), measured at a distance of two hundred feet (200') for those sign faces greater than three hundred square feet (300 sq. ft.) but less than or equal to three hundred seventy-eight square feet (378 sq. ft.), measured at a distance of two hundred fifty feet (250') for those sign faces greater than three hundred seventy-eight square feet (378 sq. ft.) and less than six hundred seventy-two square feet (672 sq. ft.), and measured at a distance of three hundred fifty feet (350') for those sign faces equal to or greater than six hundred seventy-two square feet (672 sq. ft.).
- (2) Any measurements required pursuant to this subsection shall be taken perpendicular to the face of the changeable message sign.
- (3) The provisions of the this subsection shall apply to all changeable message signs located in this state operated pursuant to a permit issued by either the department or by a local government.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.