SENATE BILL 644

By Tracy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 3, Part 2 and Title 67, relative to regulation of railroads.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-3-205, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

65-3-205.

The commissioner of transportation is empowered to employ such rate experts, engineers, attorneys, accountants, auditors, inspectors, examiners, clerks, agents, economists, analysts or other employees, and assign to them such duties as shall be necessary to enable the department of transportation to fully perform the duties, and to exercise the powers conferred by this chapter upon the department of transportation, subject to its review. This section shall not be construed to authorize or to permit such attorneys to file any action or to otherwise appear before any state or federal court without prior approval of the attorney general and reporter.

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