

SENATE BILL 1697

By Massey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 8, relative to vehicular use of bicycle
lanes.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) It is an offense for a person to operate a motor vehicle within a bicycle lane or other portion of the roadway set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, except under the following situations:

(1) When parking or stopping the vehicle pursuant to §§ 55-8-158, 55-8-160, or other law, upon the right side of the roadway or the roadway's shoulder or berm; or

(2) When turning into an intersecting or adjoining highway, drive, road, or driveway.

(b) A violation of subsection (a) is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-118, is amended by adding the following new subsection (c):

(c) When overtaking or passing upon the right of another vehicle pursuant to this section or other law, the person shall not operate the motor vehicle within a bicycle lane or other portion of the roadway set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.