

SENATE BILL 1965

By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38;  
Title 54; Title 55; Title 68, Chapter 102 and Title  
68, Chapter 140, relative to road safety.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Employees and contractors of the department of transportation shall wear blaze orange vests with reflective tape while engaged in work on this state's roads and highways. Employees and contractors of the department of transportation shall not wear any other color safety vest.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 10, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A first responder shall wear a blaze orange vest with reflective tape when the first responder is conducting an investigation of an accident, controlling traffic, or otherwise responding to an incident on a road or highway of this state. A first responder shall not wear any other color safety vest.

(b) As used in this section, "first responder" means a law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency services personnel, or other person who responds to calls for emergency assistance.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

The department of safety shall provide training on proper interstate incident traffic control to each police officer in a department that contains in its jurisdiction an interstate highway.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.