

SENATE BILL 2355

By Dickerson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7;  
Title 59, Chapter 8 and Title 68, Chapter 105,  
relative to the regulation of blasting.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 3, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

**7-3-307.** Counties having a metropolitan form of government with a population of more than five hundred thousand (500,000) according to the 2010 federal census, or any subsequent federal census, are authorized to regulate blasting on the geographic area within their territorial jurisdiction; provided, that any regulation of blasting by a metropolitan government shall be no less restrictive than the requirements of the Tennessee Blasting Standards Act of 1975, codified at title 68, chapter 105.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-105-110, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), this chapter is intended to and shall preempt and supersede all existing and future county, town, city, or municipal ordinances or regulations respecting the subjects covered by the chapter.

(b) Nothing in this chapter preempts the regulation of blasting by counties having a metropolitan form of government with a population of more than five hundred thousand (500,000) according to the 2010 federal census, or any subsequent federal census, under § 7-3-307.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.