SENATE BILL 3742

By Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 10, relative to motor vehicle accident reports.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-108(b), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (b)(1) and by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

(2) Every member of the highway patrol who, in the regular course of duty, investigates a motor vehicle accident that occurred on an interstate or defense highway shall note on the written report of the accident if physical barriers are present at the site of such motor vehicle accident and if the presence of a physical barrier would have likely:

(1) Prevented the motor vehicle accident;

(2) Prevented serious bodily injury to the persons involved in the motor vehicle accident; or

(3) Saved lives.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall only apply as new accident report forms are obtained by law enforcement agencies. Nothing in this act shall be construed to require the disposal of existing accident report forms.

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