

CHAPTER NO. 648

SENATE BILL NO. 2374

By Cohen, Dixon

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2393

By Kent, Bowers

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 12, Part 1, relative to financial responsibility of motor vehicle owners and operators.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-12-139, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(f) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in any county having a population in excess of seven hundred fifty thousand (750,000), according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census, police service technicians are authorized to issue traffic citations in lieu of arrest pursuant to §55-10-207.

(2) For the purposes of this subsection only, "police service technician" means a person appointed by the director of police services, who responds to requests for service at accident locations and obtains information, investigates accidents and provides other services to assist the police unit, fire unit, ambulance, emergency rescue and towing service.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-207(a)(1), is amended by deleting the words, figures and symbol "or Chapter 8, 9 or 50 of this title," and substituting instead the following:

"or Chapter 8, 9, 50 of this title or § 55-12-139,".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-207(d), is amended by deleting the words, figures and symbol "or Chapter 8, 9 or 50 of this title." and substituting instead the following:

"or Chapter 8, 9, 50 of this title or § 55-12-139."

SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 17, 2002

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2002

  
DON S. QUIGLEY, GOVERNOR