

SENATE BILL 1281

By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,  
Chapter 8, relative to the operation of two-wheeled  
vehicles on laned roadways.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-182, is amended by deleting subsection (c) and substituting instead the following:

(c) Except as provided in subsection (f), no person shall operate a motorcycle between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-182, is further amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(f)

(1) A person may operate a two-wheeled vehicle between lanes of traffic moving in the same direction on any street, road, or highway if:

(A) The speed of traffic moving in the same direction is forty-five miles per hour (45 mph) or less;

(B) The two-wheeled vehicle is operated at a rate not to exceed the minimum posted speed limit of the street, road, or highway; and

(C) The two-wheeled vehicle is not operated within a marked school zone when a warning flasher or flashers are in operation.

(2) This subsection (f) does not authorize a motorized bicycle to be operated on a highway of the interstate and defense highway system or on any similar limited access multilane divided highway.

(3) A person operating a motor vehicle in a lane of traffic adjacent to or near a two-wheeled vehicle operated pursuant to this subsection (f), and the person operating the two-wheeled vehicle, shall exercise due care and obey all traffic laws, applicable rules of the road, and laws relating to the safe operation of the motor vehicle or two-wheeled vehicle.

(4) As used in this subsection (f), "two-wheeled vehicle":

(A) Means a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle;

and

(B) Does not include a vehicle with more than two (2) wheels.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.